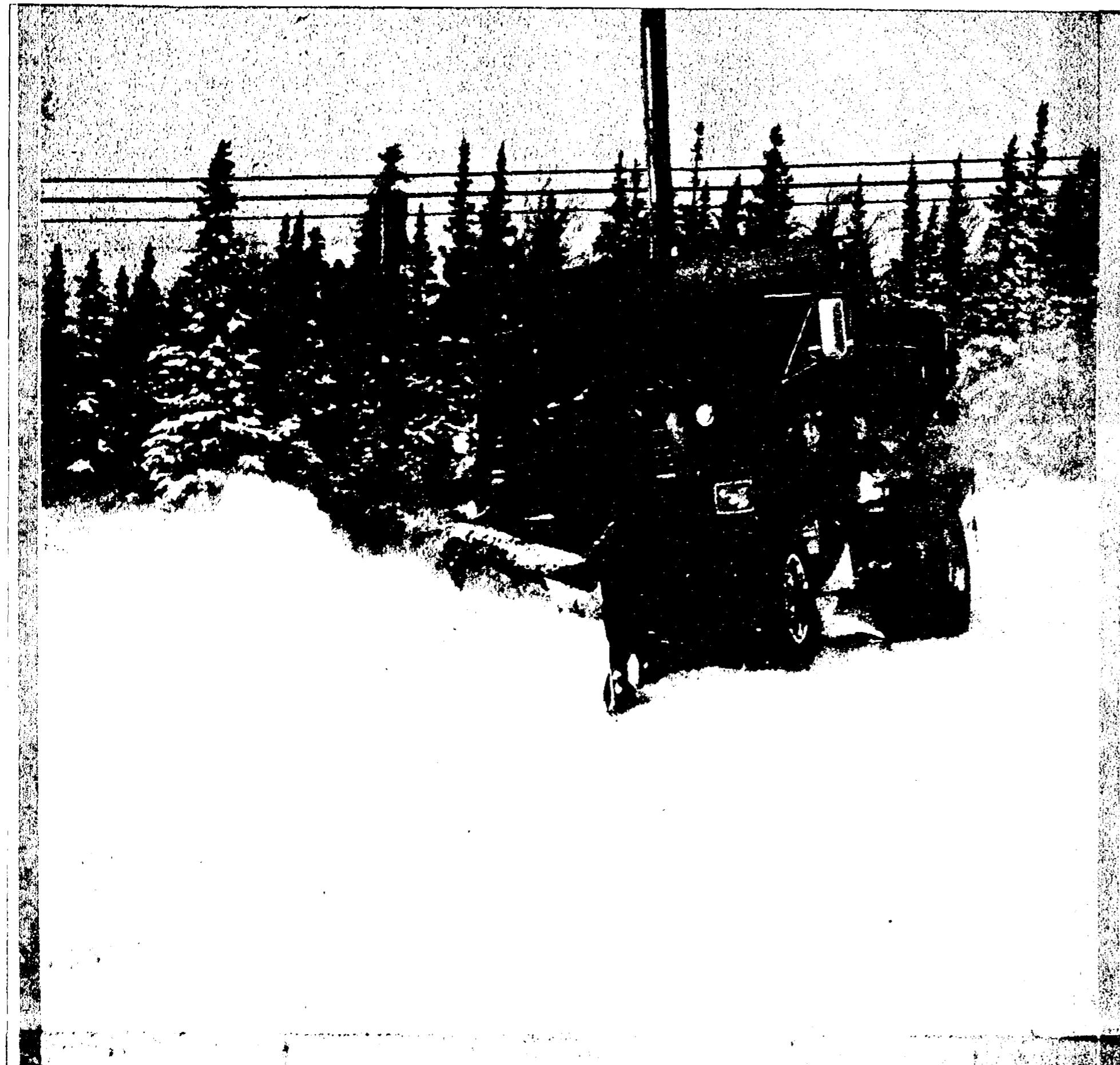


CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow



PUSHING SNOW--Drivers from The Road Commission For Crawford County have been extremely busy recently fighting against Old Man Winter to keep area roads clean.

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A day on the road in a county snowplow

By Linda Sherwood
Staff Writer

If The Road Commission For Crawford County didn't exist, Crawford County would be buried under five feet of snow right now.

How does the road commission get the job done? Why isn't my road plowed? Why does the county plow have to come by and plug up my driveway that I just paid \$25 to have plowed? I spent a day in a road com-

mission truck, talking to drivers, the foremen, and the managing director to find out the answers to these and other questions.

When the alarm clock went off at 5 a.m., all I wanted to do was shut it off and go back to sleep. Especially when the radio announced that it was six below zero outside. But somehow I managed to make it to The Road Commission For Crawford County in time to catch a ride in one of their trucks.

Driving to the road commission offices before it was even 6 a.m., I was grateful that the roads weren't that bad. Blowing snow covered the roads with an occasional icy spot Friday, Dec. 8. When I arrived at the road commission, I noticed most of the employees drove 4-wheel drive trucks.

The drivers gathered together in the break room as assignments were given out. Most of them, including myself, carried a cup of coffee. I was intro-

duced to Andie Neilson, the driver I would ride with that day. Neilson has worked for the road commission for 19 years.

As we headed to the garage where the trucks were parked, Andie explained we were to clean up the state highway north of Grayling and then go to the Frederic area later in the day.

We climbed into the truck and waited in line for the front loader to fill the back end with salt. The truck jerked and moved slowly out onto the road. On the way out of town, Neilson used the blade to clear some snow along the business loop. We headed south on I-75 to the first turn around. We then headed north to the county line 17 miles away.

The trip went pretty slow, but was about the fastest the truck went all day. Neilson drove 35 to 40 mph as he cleared the sides of the road where the snow had blown. The lanes themselves were pretty clean thanks to the night shift.

"If it's not too icy, one truckload of salt will last all the way around," said Neilson. "All the way around" is the 17 mile trip north to the county line and then back to the Grayling.

The road commission has 18 trucks. Every weekday morning, every working truck is sent out onto the roads until 2:30 p.m. At 2:30 most of the drivers are done for the day. One man comes in and drives a truck from 2:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. Another driver comes in from 10 p.m. until 6 a.m.

The men driving the afternoon and night shift spend most of their time on the state trunklines. If it starts snowing and accumulating, he contacts State Road Foreman Jerry Pratt. Jerry will then start calling drivers who have volunteered for overtime to come in and help clear the roads. Jerry will start calling in other drivers when a half inch to an inch falls on the roads.

County Road Foreman Gary Leslie waits longer before he starts calling in more drivers. He starts calling drivers off the overtime list when four inches or more of snow has fallen.

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Reaching a milepost



CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY--Anthony and Evelyn Yuchas celebrated his 97th birthday on Sunday, Dec. 10. They will celebrate Evelyn's 92nd birthday in January. The couple have been married for 68 years. Anthony retired from Ford Motor Company in 1960 after a 41-year career. According to the couple's nephew, Anthony is possibly the oldest living Ford retiree.

Anthony said he remembers well when Henry Ford, Thomas Edison and Harvey Firestone frequented the plant where he worked.

He said his secret to a long life is, "stay sober." The Yuchas's live at Grayling's Mercy Manor.

Lira to serve three life sentences

The man who shot two law enforcement officers at a rest area near Frederic was sentenced in 46th Circuit Court on Tuesday, Dec. 5.

Joseph Bonacho Lira, 33, was sentenced to serve the maximum penalty for three counts of assault with attempt to murder. Lira will serve three concurrent life sentences in the Michigan Department of Corrections for the Sept. 14 shooting of Michigan State Police Trooper Ronald Croskey and Crawford County Sheriff Deputy Paul Smith.

Lira has been diagnosed with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), according to a source at circuit court. It is unlikely he will survive long enough to be eligible for parole.

Trooper Croskey is uninjured although he and Lira exchanged gunfire at a distance of five feet or less. Lira was hit several times.

After the shootout, the officers were able to take Lira into custody. The other three suspects tried to flee the scene, but were detained by officers.

Linda Bertrand, 40, one of the female suspects involved was also sentenced on Tuesday, Dec. 5, in the 46th Circuit Court. Bertrand was sentenced from 13 to 60 months in the Michigan Department of Corrections, with credit for 83 days previously served, for carrying a concealed weapon.

Bertrand's son, Adam Jackson, and a 16-year-old female are awaiting sentencing on charges stemming from the incident.

The officers had obtained identification from the four suspects, two men and two women, and were checking vehicle registrations when the officers were notified that the vehicles were stolen.

At that point, Lira opened fire with a handgun. His first shot hit Deputy Smith in the chest. He then shot Trooper Croskey, who was sitting in his car. All three officers returned fire. Deputy Niederhouse was uninjured although he and Lira exchanged gunfire at a distance of five feet or less. Lira was hit several times.

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Crawford County Sheriff Department

Sheriff Patrol

By Linda Sherwood

For the week of Dec. 4 - 9

The Crawford County Sheriff Department responded to 98 complaints during the week of Monday, Dec. 4 to Sunday, Dec. 10. The incidents ranged from a man walking along I-75 to a report of a man soliciting a prostitute.

Deputies investigated three burglaries. The burglaries occurred on Hirschfield Drive, Hi Banks Road and Homestead Road. A snowmobile was reported stolen on Saturday, Dec. 9 from the Swamp II Bar at around 10:30 p.m.

On Monday, Dec. 4, deputies responded to a vehicle fire on Lovells Road. The sheriff department also assisted at two structure fires during the week.

On Monday, Dec. 4, a report was turned in about a man soliciting prostitution at a rest area on southbound I-75. He was described as a male subject wearing a black leather jacket, light brown hair, approximately 5'9" tall. The incident was handled by the Michigan State Police. According to a spokesman at the Michigan State Police post in Houghton Lake, the incident is still under investigation. A suspect from the Bay City area is believed to be involved.

Three girls on their way to Grayling High School at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 5, were involved in a head-on collision. The driver lost control of the vehicle and went across the center line, striking an oncoming vehicle on the corner of Old US 27 and M-93 north.

The girls were taken to Grayling Mercy Hospital where they were treated and released. The other driver refused medical treatment. Units from the Grayling City Police, Northflight EMS, Frederic Twp. Fire and Rescue and Frederic Twp. Ambulance also responded to the scene.

On Saturday, Dec. 9, a person was hit and injured by a snowmobile near the North End Grocery store in Frederic. Further information about the incident was unavailable.

There were four incidents involving operating a vehicle under the influence of liquor. Deputies also investigated four public peace disturbances.

A man was reported walking along side of M-18 clad only in his longjohns at 11 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9. Deputies found the man and drove him home.

There were 18 accidents, including five vehicles in a ditch and four rollovers.

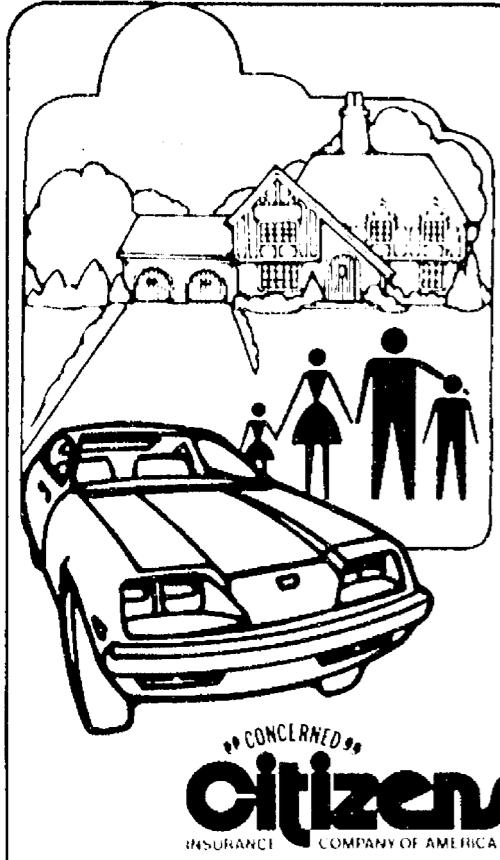
Deputies also investigated 9 incidents of family trouble, five suspicious situations, 21 general, noncriminal complaints and three liquor law violations.

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Warbler festival expands to 4-county region

The concept of the Kirtland Warbler Festival as a regional event, came another step closer to reality Wednesday, Nov. 19.

The consensus of chamber of commerce representatives from Roscommon, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Crawford counties, and other local, state and federal officials meeting at Kirtland Community College, was to expand the festival from its original base in Oscoda County, to a 4-county area, with the college serving as the focal point for the event.

The group also confirmed Saturday and Sunday, May 18-19, as the dates for the expanded festival, which will coincide with the opening of the Kirtland Warbler tours conducted by the U.S. Forest Service.

"The scope of the festival is to be expanded as well," said Linda Barnes, Kirtland consultant, who chaired the meeting, "focusing on the jack pine and AuSable River ecosystems, with educational programs becoming a central feature of the activities."

Kirtland Community College will become a partner with local communities in the 4-county area in planning and organizing the festival. Each community will organize activities within its own area to complement campus-based programs.

An action committee is currently being recruited, said Barnes, with representatives from Kirtland, COOR area communities, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Michigan State University Extension Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which will begin to organize and coordinate the festival.

"An event like this can be a tremendous boost in tourism and in the area's economy," said Barnes, "that was proven in Mio."

During the past two years, Mio residents have sponsored the festival as a 1-day event which brought hundreds of birders and tourists from throughout the United States to the

Kirtland Warbler's jack pine nesting area. The efforts of the Oscoda group resulted in state and national awards to the community of Mio, including a personal visit by Secretary of the Interior, Bruce Babbitt, and a grant for \$5,000 to help support this year's festival.

Local vendors in the Oscoda area, reported a 30 percent increase in business during the first two years of the festival. The festival's success also placed an enormous burden on a small number of volunteers responsible for planning, organizing and overseeing the event and they no longer have the resources to meet its growing demands.

Festival founders Virgie Purchase and her son Wayne, and Holly Gomez of Mio, are encouraging the expansion to a 4-county event. They said a recent report released by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, indicated that 65 million adults spend at least \$5.2 billion yearly on bird-watching, and support at least 200,000 jobs. With the increasing popularity of birdwatching, birding festivals have gained in importance as a economic resource for communities.

"We have great resources for making the festival a 'celebration of nature,'" said DNR representative Bob Hess. "We have more than 250,000 acres of public land in the 4-county area, the Hartwick Pines area, the AuSable River, the Rittle River, the CCC Museum, the jack pine system, the dead stream swamp, and so many opportunities for outdoor recreation and natural resource enjoyment. And, there are an endless number of ways in which the festival can introduce these wonders to visitors."

Barnes said the Action Committee's first meeting is set for Thursday, Dec. 14, at Kirtland Community College. The group is expected to review ideas for a festival logo and begin organizational planning.

Residents of the COOR area who are interested in submitting ideas for activities for the festival, and who would like to assist in planning and implementing events, should call Jerry Werle, public relations director, Kirtland Community College, (517) 275-5121, ext. 242, or Sandy Egley, administrative assistant to the president ext. 253.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Snowmobile trail permits waived for some

The Michigan Senate recently passed a measure that would allow those who use snowmobiles for the exclusive purpose of ice fishing, to be exempt from the state's snowmobile trail-permit requirement.

Snowmobile owners currently pay a \$10 permit fee to utilize groomed state trails. The fee is to offset the costs of maintaining the trails, which in turn minimizes environmental damage that might otherwise be caused by snowmobilers breaking their own trails on state property. The trails also provide direction and greater safety for recreational users.

Senate Bill 660 will not require ice fishermen, who use their snowmobiles expressly for that purpose, to purchase the permit.

The bill, which has the support of the Department of Natural Resources, was necessary to clarify for both conservation officers and snowmobile users, who needs to have a permit and who doesn't.

The bill is now awaiting action in the House of Representatives. The issue is expected to be resolved before the Legislature adjourns this month.

"Messiah Sing" at Michelson Memorial Church Sunday

On Sunday evening, Dec. 17, the Chancel Choir of Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church of Grayling, will sponsor a "Messiah Sing." The event will begin at 7 p.m., and everyone in the area is cordially invited to attend, whether you desire to sing or not.

The purpose of the "Messiah Sing" is to provide everyone interested, the opportunity to sing Handel's Messiah, the greatest musical work for the holiday season ever written.

No rehearsals will be held for the "Messiah Sing." Singers are asked to assemble at 6:45 on Dec. 17. Scores will be available for use, or new scores will be available for purchase so they can be used in future "Messiah Sings."

Road Commission asks for cooperation in winter safety

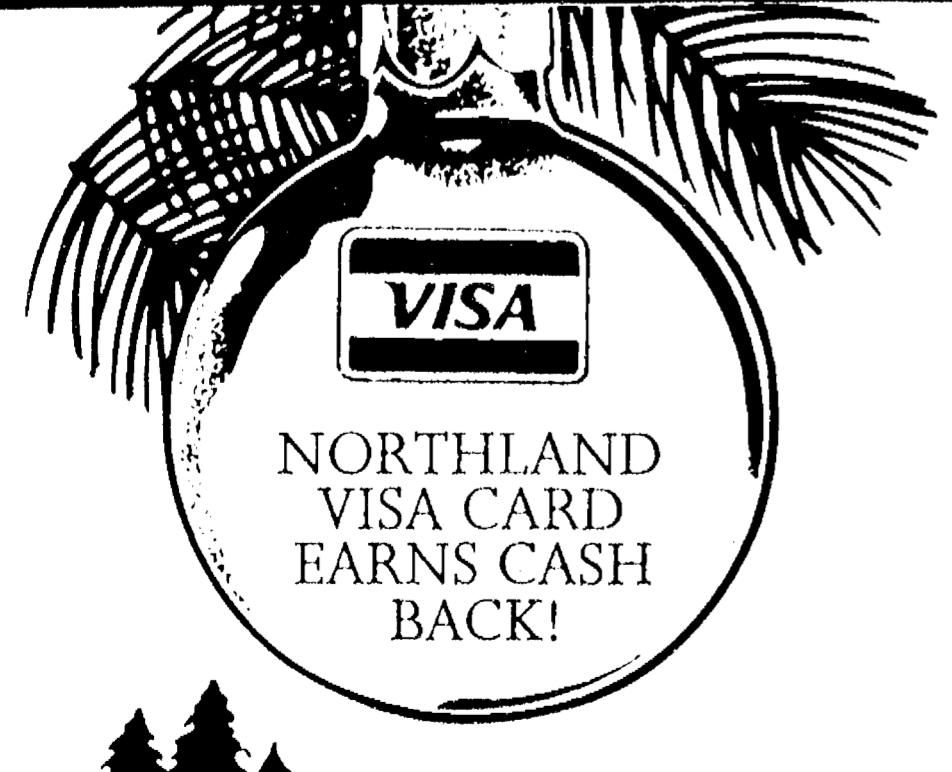
The Road Commission for Crawford County asks that local drivers be on the lookout for snow removal equipment on the I-75 Business Loop. It takes time for the loader operator to clear an intersection of ice and snow. Instead of participating in a line of vehicles, waiting for a particular intersection to be cleared, just drive onto the next crossover, or use the one before.

The public can help by staying clear of the heavy equipment. The operations will go faster, with your thoughtful cooperation.



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED—Lawrence and Linda Stephan of Grayling, would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Stephan, to Kevon Miller, son of the late Herman and Hilde Miller of Grayling. They will be married April 13, 1996, at Michelson Memorial Methodist Church in Grayling.

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GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY—Robert F. and Fay C. Bovee will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Dec. 20. Robert and the former Fay Christenson were married on Dec. 20, 1945, at the First Methodist Church in Mt. Pleasant. Rev. Charles MacKenzie officiated at the 8 p.m. candlelight service. The Bovees have two daughters, Billie B. Smith (Mrs. Richard A. Smith) of Saugerties, New York, and Dena K. Bovee (Mrs. Bruce E. Goll) of Dublin, Ohio, and two grandsons, Peter and Paul Smith of Saugerties, New York. The Bovees have made their home in Grayling since 1949, previously living in Walled Lake and Mt. Pleasant. They have resided in their present home on Ingham Street since 1954. A special celebration will be held later in the spring or summer. (Photo by Z Photography.)

THE GARDEN CORNER

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Question: What can I do to limit the amount of damage to plants around my house during an ice storm?

Answer: When an ice storm coats our plants with ice, there's not much you can do except hope it melts before significant damage occurs. Popping up ice-laden branches usually just results in breakage at the point where the branches rest on the prop. Some trees are more susceptible than others to damage from a heavy load of ice, so one way to reduce the likelihood of damage is to avoid planting those trees. Zelkova, Siberian elm, American elm, silver maple, birch, willow and poplar are generally hardest hit by ice storms. These trees are usually weak-wooded trees with sharp, V-shaped crotches that tend to split when a tree breaks under the weight of a load of ice. Oaks, lindens and hard maples are generally sturdier.

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ALMANACK By Richard Millman

EDITOR

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To the editor:

In a letter published here Dec. 7, denouncing the status quo, a page one Ms. Marcia Koppa argues the article appears with quotes. These author of a letter appearing in the quoted are company employees with former words. While visiting Latvia, union protection who feared (after the fall of the Soviet Empire), "retaliation" for giving their names in Latvia by virtue of that huge oil company they work for. She also argued, "She seems to dismiss that there will be times personal letter (denounced by the editor) far removed of speech and complain) in which the employees will learn first through the writer, Dr. Stephen Denech, called "privilege" or openness). They had a lesser background in the loss of life, and liberty under pressure.

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A day on the road in a county snowplow

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The State of Michigan reimburses the road commission for the salary and overtime spent on the state trunkline, but the county overtime comes from the budget.

As Neilson drove, cars and semi trucks whizzed by. One semi came right up behind us before swerving into the passing lane and going on around us.

"You ought to be out here on a Friday night when there is bumper to bumper traffic and trying to get around," invited Neilson. "Sometimes I think a semi is going to take the mirror off. It all works out."

Neilson didn't spread any salt as we headed north, explaining that it was too cold for the salt to do any good. Also the roads were clear and it would just blow off as soon as he put it down.

"The warmer it is, the better the salt works," he said. The ride in the county truck wasn't an ideal spot for taking notes. My handwriting is barely legible as I try to record what was happening. For the first hour and a half, I couldn't even see what I was writing.

Neilson explains that normally he drives with his window down about four or five inches. This helps keep the windows from frosting up. Out of consideration for me, he keeps the window up for the first couple of hours. Later, after the sun goes up, his window gradually opens more and more. I'm glad I wore my longjohns.

We clear the rest area on south bound I-75, north of Grayling. It takes several passes and about a half hour to clear the rest area, which has about four inches of snow. The truck moves slowly as Neilson backs out onto the highway and a vehicle travelling 70 mph heads for my door like it has a big bulls-eye on it. Neilson gets the truck out of the way with plenty of time to spare.

"You really use your mirrors," said Neilson. "I try to back up as little as possible." The truck is equipped with heated mirrors to prevent them from icing up.

As we travel over bridges, Neilson spreads some salt. The bridges are the first place that ice will start to form.

We cleared exit ramps, both north and south, spreading some salt on the intersection.

When it finally became light enough, I could see the controls for the blade, plow and salt. At about 8:30 a.m., a call came over the radio asking when we would be in Frederic. One of the drivers already in Frederic was stuck.

We went back to the road commission and put a plow on the front of the truck. The plow fit on the first try, something that doesn't happen very often, said Neilson.

"I chased one all over the parking lot the other day," he said.

We headed to Frederic along Old US 27, plowing the side of the road as we went. Our speed dropped to about 25 mph. It seemed to me that the mailboxes that were plowed out were less likely to be filled with snow as we drove by. The less snow in front of the mailbox, the less the plow picks up to throw inside.

Neilson said the two biggest complaints that the road commission receives is filling up driveways with snow and mailboxes. Some people complain that the road commission knocked down a mailbox or filled it up with snow, while other people complain that the plow didn't get close enough to the mailbox.

Neilson drives the truck right at the edge of the road, up against the snowbank. The ground isn't frozen yet, so a lot of dirt is thrown as well as snow.

Listening to the radio, we hear that the forecast calls for two and a half to three feet of snow by Monday.

We were going to Frederic to help clear some of the local roads. We went to North Roberts Road, Mount Frederic Road, Kolka Creek Road, Cameron Bridge Road, Deward Road and more. We were stuck three times, but were able to get out with the help of some salt and a little shoveling. No, I didn't pick up a shovel. While Neilson is busy shoveling, I hear another driver call for help over the radio. He's stuck and needs another truck to pull him out.

Because the ground isn't frozen yet, a lot of trucks are getting stuck. Last weekend, three trucks were stuck in three different areas. Other drivers had to leave the area they were plowing to go extract the stuck trucks.

"A lot of people don't think we get stuck, but we do," said Leslie. "You get one truck stuck and you lose a lot of time."

Neilson drove the truck on the edge of streams and inches away from some pretty deep ditches and guard rails. My view from the "suicide seat" isn't very comforting as I look straight down into water. One wrong move and the truck would be in it.

Watching the snow fly as we plow the edge of the road, I'm surprised to see a train coming. If I had been driving I probably would have hit it. The county truck drivers need eyes in the back of their heads.

Twenty minutes after we cleared Mount Frederic Road, we're told there was a complaint about "a nest" at the stop sign. We go back and check. The road looks clean, but there is a little drifting where snowmobiles have carried snow out into the intersection. We clean it up.

At times, we have to slow down to 10 or 15 mph to avoid a complete white out caused by snow flying over the top of the plow. Neilson's window is down all the way now in an effort to keep the windows clear of frost. The plow has caused my window to ice up, making the rear view mirror unusable.

Drifting was a big problem during the weekend, especially with Sherman Road, Roberts Road, M-93, County Road 612, Flooter Road and the entire Maple Forest area. These roads were cleared on Saturday and Sunday. Many of the roads were plugged shut when the road commis-

sion trucks arrived.

Crews from the road commission have worked overtime Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Working overtime is done strictly on a volunteer basis.

"We had an excellent response all through deer season," said Jim Briney, managing director of the road commission, talking about drivers coming in to work. "Our guys were on call and very conscientious about coming in."

When the trucks aren't in use Cliff Henderlong, shop foreman, and his crew work to keep the trucks in order. The trucks are inspected and equipment is checked.

"When the drivers get in the truck in the morning they should be ready to go," said Henderlong. Having the inspections done gets the plows out on the roads that much faster. "The name of the game is to keep them on the road."

The drivers aren't the only ones called in to work overtime. The mechanics were called in this past weekend too. Three trucks were down, but the repairs were made Saturday. Henderlong said if the repairs had waited until Monday, they would have interfered with the 10 additional repairs which came in.

"It's constant, you're never done," said Briney.

Behind the wheel of a county plow, the biggest worry or concern is traffic.

When you are driving and notice a county truck clearing an intersection or road, the best thing to do is to avoid it. Give the truck a wide berth as you pass.

The view from the suicide seat was disconcerting under fair weather conditions, I'm not in any hurry to sit there during bad weather.

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TUES. 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BBB VS. PETOSKEY, away, 6 pm. HOLIDAY HIGH SCHOOL & middle school vocal music concert @ auditorium, 7 pm. CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR ANIMALS meeting @ Milltown Groomers, 7 pm. For more information call 348-4117. GRAYLING PROMOTIONAL ASSOCIATION luncheon meeting @ noon, Iron Gate Restaurant. AUSABLE RIVER CANOE MARATHON meeting @ Mini Mall Race Office, 7 pm. AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMENS' ASSOCIATION Christmas party.
WED. 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FRESH BBB VS. ROGERS CITY home 7 pm. SINGLES FUN NIGHT @ Breakers Steak House, starting at 7 pm. Call 348-5507 or 348-8350 for more information. ROTARY LUNCHEON MEETING @ Chief Shapenagon's Motor Hotel, 12 noon. WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church on M-72 W., weigh-in 4:45; meeting 5:30 pm. For more information call Sandy @ 348-5321. COA BOARD MEETING @ Senior Citizen Center, 5:30 pm. GRAYLING RECREATION AUTHORITY meeting @ Hanson Hills, 5 pm. LIONS CLUB MEETING @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 6:30 pm.

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Malachi Martin, a former Jesuit priest, has exposed a goal of the New Age Movement by quoting Italian Freemasons in "The Keys of This Blood," Touchstone, 1990, as saying, "...we must turn our attention to the ideal that has always been of concern to men aspiring to the regeneration of all mankind...the liberation of the entire world and the establishment of the republic of brotherhood and world peace...Among the many remedies, there is one which we must never forget:...THE TOTAL ANNIHILATION OF CATHOLICISM AND EVEN OF CHRISTIANITY."

There are three claims of absolute, or infallible authority people trust in our western civilization. Orthodox Jews trust the Talmud as infallible. (This is basically the Hebrew text underlying the Old Testament in our authorized KJV.) Orthodox Catholics trust the Pope and the Roman Catholic church as infallible. Those of us who

trust by faith a tangible, infallible Bible follow the Abraham Ben Chayyim or Ben Hayyim iben Adonijah, as the Old Testament text God gave in Hebrew, and the He KainE DiathEKE as the New Testament text God gave in Greek. The accuracy and infallible authority of our authorized King James Bible is derived by a formal translation from these underlying texts. These Received texts have been traced historically back to the original autographs by Dr. D. A. Wait Th.D., Ph.D., in his book, *The King James Bible's Superiority*, Pages 41-45.

Remember our Bible expert, Jesus Christ assured us that 3/4ths of the Bible, the Old Testament, had been providentially preserved for centuries. He promised, "For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." (*Matthew 5:18*). He assured us of an accurate New Testament by the ministry of the Holy Spirit. "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He

shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, [that] shall He speak: and He will shew you things to come." (*John 16:13*). The Holy Spirit gives us God's words, "Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual." (*1 Corinthians 2:13*).

In every generation, Satan corrupts the Bible. His first version created doubt and denial for mother Eve, "Yea, Hath God said?" (*Genesis 3:1*). Modern Bibles have serpent tracts of doubt and denial on most pages. God's true Bible is still God's word, not man's opinion. The authorized KJV remains God's infallible authority in English.

Pastor "B"

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HEALTHLINE

Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator

This column is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department No. 1, which serves Wexford, Missaukee, Kalkaska, and Crawford counties. If you have a question you would like answered, please send it to Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator, District Health Department No. 1, 401 Lake St., Cadillac, MI, 49601.

Question: My husband frequently burns scraps of wood in our wood-burning stove, that were left over from building our deck. Is it safe to burn treated or preserved wood in the home?

Answer: The health department cautions against the burning of any

wood scraps preserved with inorganic arsenic compounds. The most popular brand names of these woods include osmose and wolmanized, but any wood preserved with such compounds must also be included. Although there is no danger in using the wood for construction, when these woods are burned in a fire, toxic vapors are likely to be given off. If inhaled, these fumes could be hazardous to human health. It is difficult to determine exposure time or concentration of vapors required before ill effects may occur. Another concern is the possible toxicity of the ashes left after burning and the effects the vapor may have as an irritant to human skin.

If you own a wood-burning appliance, the health department advises that you dispose of any pressure treated wood scraps in a sanitary landfill before they can be accidentally burned. This way any potential health risks may be avoided.

If planning a building project this spring using pressure-treated wood, such as a deck, fence, outdoor furniture or playground equipment, handle the wood properly to avoid health problems:

- Do not use the wood where it can come in contact with food.
- Wear a face mask when sawing this wood.

Avoid skin contact by wearing tightly-woven coveralls and gloves.

- Wash work garments separately from the family laundry.
- Wash exposed skin surfaces after handling the wood.

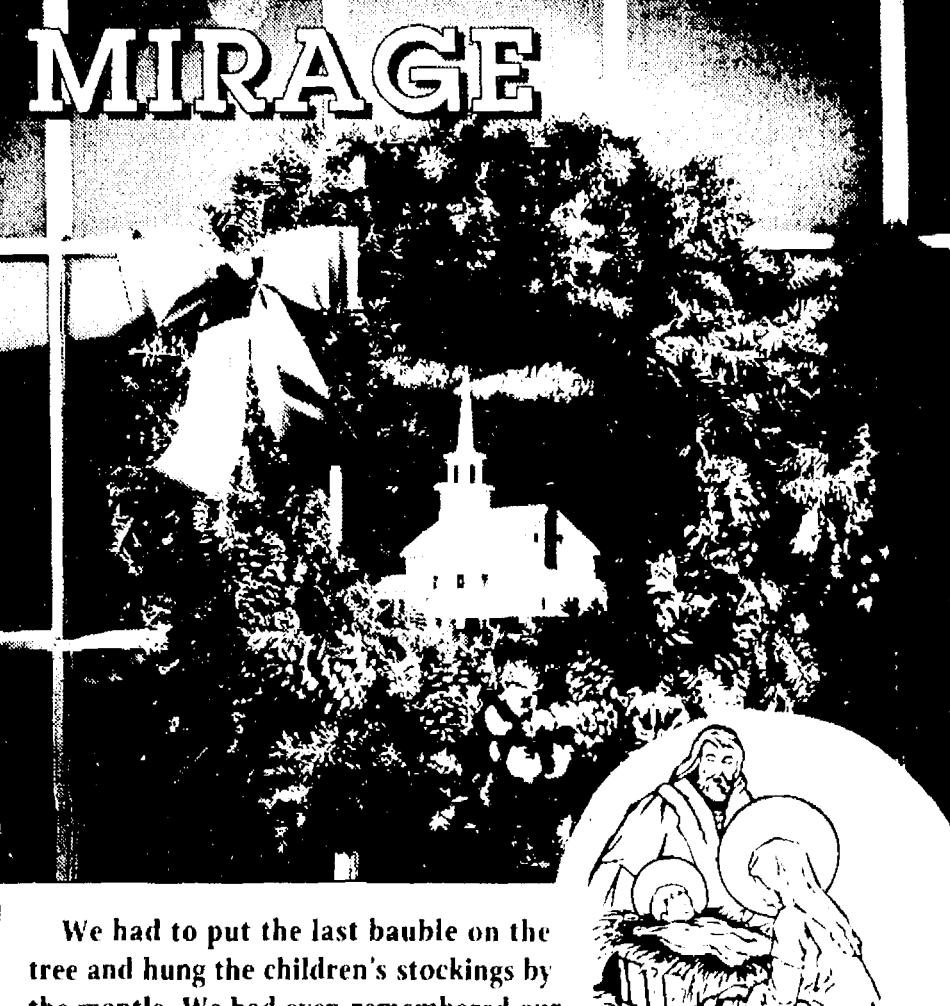
These recommendations are those of the Consumer's Federation of America and District Health Department No. 1 Environmental Health Division.

Rotary announces calendar winners

Rotary calendar winners for November were Neal Michal, Fay Dolleway, Douglas Smith, Rich Jashowski and Carolyn Morgan, who all won \$50.

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We had to put the last bauble on the tree and hung the children's stockings by the mantle. We had even remembered our newly acquired kitten. Her catnip mouse was adorned with a red ribbon and a small gold bell.

Then suddenly I found myself staring at the wreath in the window. In the center of it, I could see the white church I'd gone to as a child. More often than not at Christmas there was snow on the ground when we went to the services, crisp and crunchy beneath our feet.

I blinked...and, when I looked again, the church was gone. But memory's message still remained, I turned to my husband, "There's something else to do," I told him, "if next week is really going to be Christmas."

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Matthew 3:1-12	Malachi 3:1-18	Isaiah 40:1-11	Isaiah 60:1-16	Isaiah 60:17-22	Isaiah 62:1-12	Romans 15:7-13

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Seven GHS band members honored

Several members of the Grayling High School Band received recognition as members of the MSBOA's District II Honors Band and the Central Michigan University Honors Band.

The 27th annual District II Honors Band performed Sunday, Dec. 3 in Gaylord. Twenty-one GHS students auditioned for the honors band on Nov. 6, seven students made it. Out of the seven, four of the students were honored with first chair.

The students attended rehearsal on Nov. 19 in Gaylord. On Saturday, Dec. 2, the students arrived in Gaylord for rehearsals. That night the students enjoyed a pool party at the Holiday Inn. On Sunday, the students rehearsed in the morning and had pictures taken. The concert was performed Sunday afternoon.

The members of the District II Honors Band each wore their school's uniform. There were 23 schools represented in the band.

Lamie says the experience was kind of scary for him. "It was the first time I was the principle clarinetist for honors band," he said. Lamie performed

a few solos during the concert. Lamie was honored with the distinction of being the concert master in addition to his performance. As concert master, Lamie was responsible for tuning the entire band before the performance.

Lamie said he had been saving his favorite reed for the honors band concert. When he went to play, the reed "frayed out on me," said Lamie.

Four students from GHS band earned the honor of performing in the Central Michigan University Honors Band as well.

Dennis Ormsbee, director of GHS band, said the CMU Honors Band was a much more selective group than the District Honors Band. The number of students auditioning was greater as well as the number of schools participating in the auditions, he said.

Professor Williamson, director of bands and conducting at CMU, di-

rected the honors band. Of the four students from GHS, three earned the first chair position.

"For these kids to make it and have three 1st chairs is quite an honor," said Shelley Tober, assistant director of GHS bands.

The four students performing in the CMU Honors Band were Jessicah Scott, 1st chair flute; Annie Becks, flute; Trisha Ormsbee, 1st chair bassoon; and Brandy Plutko, 1st and only baritone saxophone. Plutko was one of only three freshman performing in the honors band.



MEMBERS OF THE CMU HONORS BAND -- Four Grayling band members were accepted as members of the CMU Honors Band. Three out the four were honored with 1st chair positions. Pictured are (L TO R) Jessicah Scott, Annie Becks, Director Williamson, Brandy Plutko and Trisha Ormsbee.



MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT II HONORS BAND -- Seven members of the Grayling band were chosen to be a part of the District II honors band. Pictured are (L TO R) Trisha Ormsbee, Annie Becks, Jessica Becks, Jessicah Scott, Pat Lamie, Becky Pilon and Brandy Plutko.

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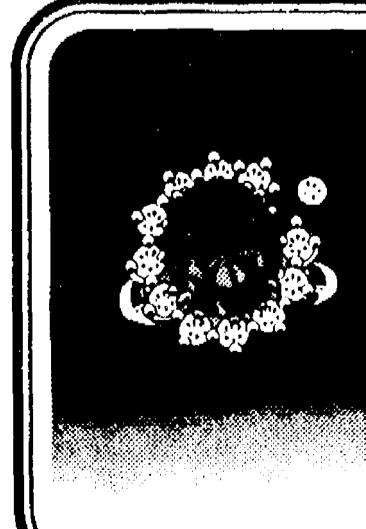
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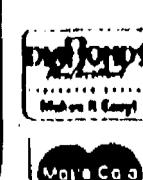


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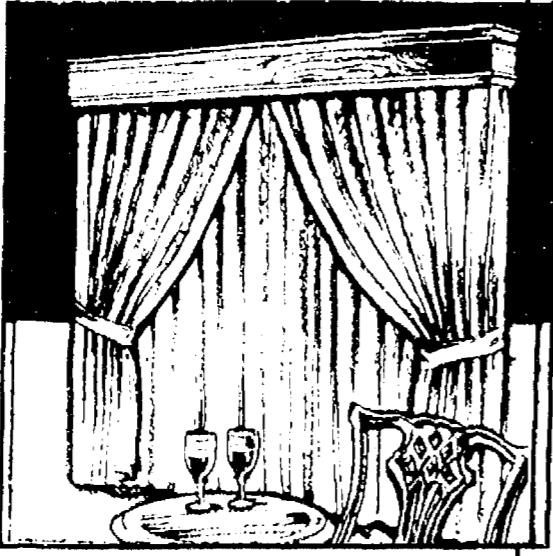
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Neff to teach third grade at Frederic Elementary

By Nancy Lemmen

The Crawford AuSable School District has hired Mike Neff to teach third grade at Frederic Elementary School.

A cum laude graduate of Olivet College, he earned a bachelor of arts degree, with a major in social science and a minor in physical education.

Neff, who brings two years of experience teaching first and third grades in the Vanderbilt Area Schools, said he applied for a position with the

CASD because he wanted to teach in a bigger district.

He said his goal is to give every

student the best education possible by any means possible.

A varsity basketball player for two

years at Olivet, Neff still enjoys playing basketball. He also likes jet skiing, trout fishing and cross country skiing.

"I'm very glad to be here, and I enjoy working with the new staff and students," said Neff.



FES INSTRUCTOR—Mike Neff, new third grade teacher at Frederic Elementary School, works with student Tony Crandell on mapping skills.

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Hassle-free holiday gift planning

Rep. Lowe to hear concerns of local residents

State Rep. Allen Lowe, R-Grayling, has scheduled office hours with Crawford County residents on Wednesday, Dec. 20.

The 105th District lawmaker will be available from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Grayling City Council Chambers on James Street.

"No appointment is necessary, and everyone should feel free to stop by," Lowe said. "I am eager to listen to the concerns of local residents."

Anyone needing additional information can contact Lowe at (517) 373-0829.

MERCY HOSPITAL BIRTHS

The following parents are proud to announce their recent arrivals at Grayling Mercy Hospital:

Adam and Jennifer Baxendale of Grayling: Brett Andrew, Nov. 28, 1995, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.

David and Colleen Stephan of Clarksville, Tennessee: Anthony Michael, Nov. 28, 1995, 9 pounds, 11.3 ounces.

Mathew Spellious and Marsha Alschbach of Grayling: Margo Ann, Nov. 30, 1995, 5 pounds, 13 ounces.

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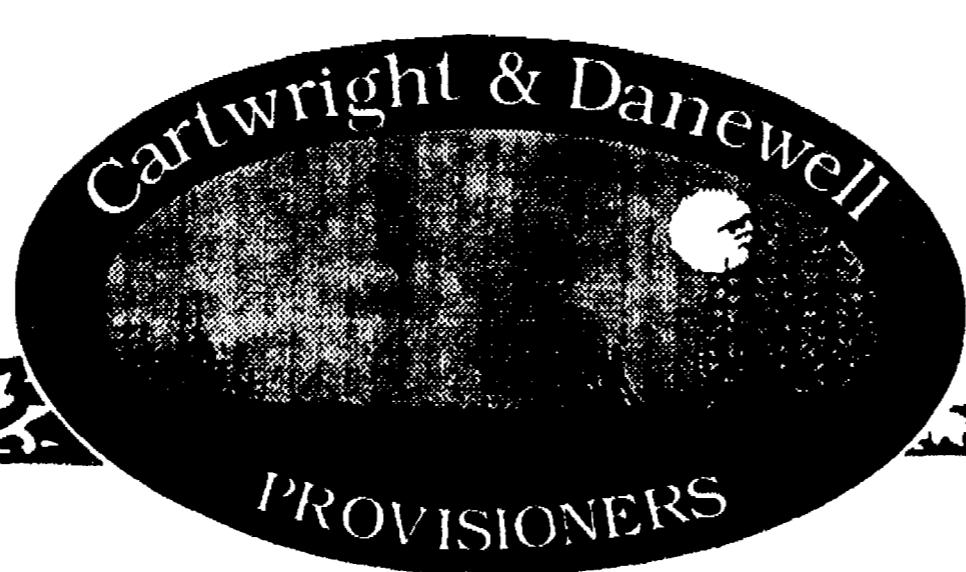
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Chief Warrant Officer Five Ronald Larson (below) was awarded the Federal Legion of Merit for his 42 years of service.

First Sergeant Billy Spencer (Below Left) was promoted to the rank of Sergeant Major.



BITS OF TALK

By Fay Bovee

The Kiwanis Goodfellow Newspapers will be on the street this coming weekend, Friday and Saturday. The Kiwanis Club of Grayling will be out in force handing out the newspapers, and we hope you'll be generous with your donations this Christmas season. The money raised is used for many community projects, all benefitting the youth of the community.

The white lights of Christmas were showing downtown by the time of the Christmas Walk on Nov. 21, and now the lights in the rest of the community are starting to shine. Our own neighbors down here, the Cammins, the Wakeleys, and the Henrys and Hunters have roofs outlined in lights. Going up Maple Street, the Cincelias have the front of their house lighted, the Kenneys on the corner of Michigan have a colored tree, and their neighbors also have many lights. The former Dad Hanson-Hindmarsh house is outlined in lights, and up in the north end of town, there are houses and lawns covered with lights. We wish we could tell you who they are, but we do not know their names.

Going east on M-72 the other night, there are many houses with hundreds of lights outlining the roofs, windows, etc.

Bob and Lu Dunham have purchased the former VFW--Pete and Gloria Stephan building on Mikado on the South Side, and have moved in. They are doing an extensive addition, and plan on doing some outside painting--next spring, that is! During the Thanksgiving holiday, their guests were their children, David Dunham and his daughter, Laterah of Chattanooga, Tennessee, Teresa and David Gillett and three boys, Ben, Jay and Nate, of Byron. Welcome back to Grayling, Bob and Lu!

Guest speaker at the Monday noon meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Grayling, on Dec. 4, was Kelly Fortino, who told the club about Kenguest House. She discussed the number of girls it houses, what part of the state it

services, the responsibilities of the girls and what services it provides them with, so that they can better prepare themselves for the work force and their roles as mothers.

Ryan and Jamie Morford and their

children Emily and Kelsey of Holland, spent the weekend with Jerry and Judy Morford, and attended the Kirtland Community College performance of *The Legend of St. Nicholas*, which the children enjoyed very much.

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MILITARY NEWS

Army National Guard Pvt. Lowell B. Bindschadel II, has entered basic training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Oklahoma.

During the eight weeks of training, the soldiers will study the Army mission and will receive instructions in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, Army history and traditions, and special training in human relations.

Bindschadel is the son of Lowell B. and Nancy L. Bindschadel of Frederic. He is a 1995 graduate of Grayling High School.

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OBITUARIES

Mary Sidwell

Mary Sidwell, 78, of Grayling, died Thursday, Dec. 7, 1995, at her residence. Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 11, at 1 p.m., at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, with Reverend Douglas Paterson officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling.

Mrs. Sidwell was born Jan. 24, 1917, in Scranton, Pennsylvania. She and her husband, Leonard, have owned property in Grayling since 1952, and moved north to live 20 years ago from West Bloomfield. They were married 53 years ago.

Mrs. Sidwell was a well-known Michigan artist. Her formal education in the fine arts was obtained at the Society of Arts and Crafts, Detroit. Her oil paintings have been exhibited in several galleries, including the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Willisted Gallery of Windsor, Ontario, the Scarab Club, and J.L. Hudson's in Detroit. On two occasions her work was chosen to represent the State of Michigan, in traveling shows sponsored by the University of Michigan.

Mrs. Sidwell was one of the founders of the Art Train. She also taught sculpturing, and worked in glass sculpture, stained and leaded glass, and silversmithing. She was past president of the Palette Guild, and former chairman of the Palette and Brush Club of Detroit, as well as being on the approval committee of the Birmingham Sculptures Club.

Mrs. Sidwell showed Irish setters throughout the Midwest, and in the Westminster Kennel Club Show. Her greatest enjoyment during the past several years, was playing golf with her lady friends at Grayling Country Club.

Survivors include: husband, Leonard L. Sidwell of Grayling; niece, Barbara McCloskey of Freeland, Pennsylvania; and nephews, John Bobrowski of Houghton Lake, and Charles Bobrowski of Knobhill, Pennsylvania.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Crawford County Chapter, American Cancer Society.

Chris Andrews

Chris D. Andrews, 62, of Grayling, died Monday, Dec. 4, 1995, at Mercy Hospital, Grayling. Mass of Christian burial was held Thursday, Dec. 7, at 4 p.m., at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Grayling, with Reverend Robert Nalley officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling. Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel.

Mr. Andrews was born Feb. 25, 1933, in Detroit. He and his wife, Adrian, moved to Grayling 4 1/2 years ago from Pinckney. He was formerly employed as an electrical engineer for Burroughs-Bendix Corporation in the aerospace program, and following that, he was employed in sales for J.L. Montgomery Electrical Component Sales. He served in the Navy during

the Korean War.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrews currently owned and operated Pointe North Motel in Grayling.

Mr. Andrews was preceded in death by his parents, Chris and Carolina (Stephanski) Andrews.

Survivors include: wife, Adrian E. (Mondro) Andrews of Grayling; sons, Chris John and wife Kathy Andrews of South Redford, and Jeffrey Allan and wife Debra Andrews of Howell; daughter, Sherri Lynn and husband Robert Thomson of South Redford; grandchildren, Elizabeth, Stefanie and Christopher Andrews, and Jeremy and Lillian Thomson; sisters, Delores and husband Thomas Forester, and Karen Zion; brother, Robert Andrews; aunt and uncle, Lottie and Stanley "Midge" Deleszek; and pet beagle, Lulu.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Crawford County Christian Help Center.

David Cook

David L. Cook, 88, of Grayling, died Thursday, Dec. 7, 1995, at Mercy Manor, Grayling. A wake service was held Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m., at Sorenson Funeral Home. Mass of Christian burial will be held Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 11 a.m., at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Grayling, with Reverend Robert Nalley officiating. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling.

Mr. Cook was born Oct. 11, 1907, in Hastings. He married the former Marguerite Dennewett on Jan. 20, 1934, in Grayling, and has been a resident of Grayling since that time, moving here from Hastings.

Mr. Cook retired from the Crawford County Road Commission. He had previously been employed at the Kerry & Hanson Flooring Mill, and was a Civilian Conservation Corps alumnus.

Mr. Cook was preceded in death by his son, Kenneth Cook; grandchildren, Michael Allison, Billy Foster, Barbara, Billy, James, John and Scott Moes; and by his parents, William and Carrie (Tinker) Cook.

Survivors include: wife, Marguerite M.S. (Dennewett) Cook of Grayling; daughters, Elizabeth and husband Butch Foster of Katy, Texas, Ella Mae Crank of Marshall, Joyce and husband James Goudie of Frederic, Jeannette and husband Newt Allison, and Judith Grey, both of Grayling; son, Richard and wife Merry Cook of Mt. Clemens; sister, Clara Cook of Manton; 17 grandchildren; and 32 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial contributions to St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Harriett Bennett

Harriett M. Bennett, 63, of Mackinaw Township, died Wednesday, Dec. 6, 1995, at her home. Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 9, at 1 p.m., at the Nordman Funeral Home in Cheboygan, with Father Anthony Ciro officiating. Interment was in Lakeview Cemetery, Mackinaw City.



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Mrs. Bennett was born June 4, 1932, in Cheboygan, the daughter of Harry and Evelyn (White) Miller. She graduated from Saint Mary's High School in Cheboygan in 1949, and also attended Cheboygan County Normal for one year. She married Ted L. Bennett of Grayling, on Dec. 13, 1951, at Saint Mary's Church in Cheboygan.

The Bennetts owned and operated motels in Mackinaw City, St. Ignace and Florida, for many years, prior to retirement in 1990. She was a member of Saint Anthony's Church in Mackinaw City.

Mrs. Bennett was preceded in death by one brother, Donald Miller.

Survivors include: husband, Ted L. Bennett; daughters, Debby Hargraves and Carol Ann Carney, both of Mackinaw City; and Terry L. Stykal of Cheyenne, Wyoming; eight grandchildren; one great-grandson;

sisters, Clara Causley, Dorothy Kitchen and Patsy Rocheleau, all of Cheboygan; and brother, William Young of Cheboygan.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Hospice of the Straits.

Donald Van Nostrand

Donald Van Nostrand, 45, of Grayling, died Thursday, Dec. 7, 1995. Funeral services were held Sunday, Dec. 10, at the Martenson Funeral Home, Allen Park.

Survivors include: wife, Jan Van Nostrand of Grayling; children, Casey, Jenna and Kyle; mother, Dorothy G. Van Nostrand; three brothers; four sisters; and several nieces and nephews.

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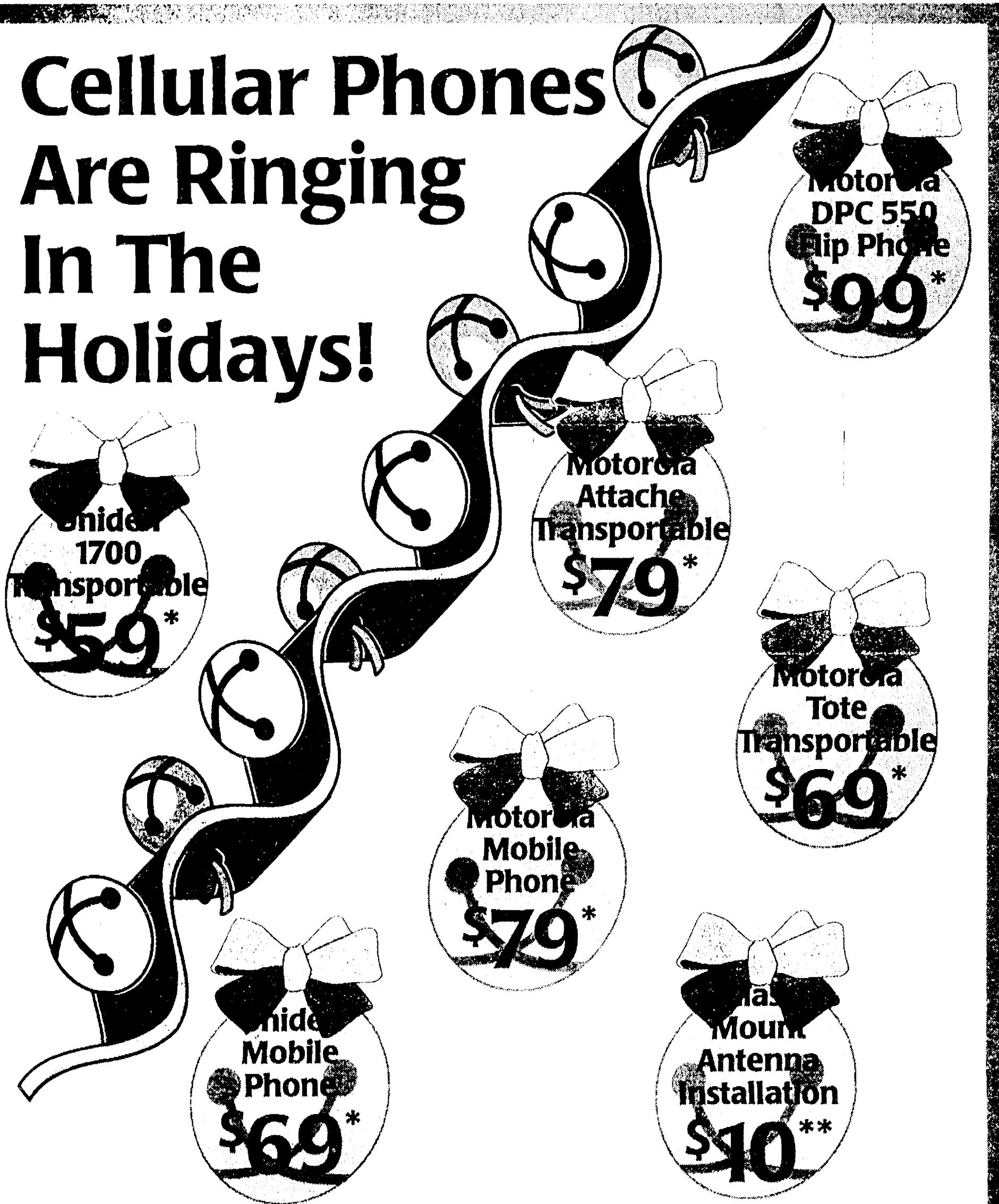
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Thursday, December 14, 1995

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Kim Hagerman is donating a kidney to her father. It's a 'gift of love,' says Kim

By Linda Sherwood
Staff Writer

Some people would call Kimberly Hagerman a hero, but Kim doesn't think that description is accurate at all.

Kim is scheduled for an operation to have one of her kidneys removed and transplanted into her father, Jack Hagerman, at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor on Wednesday, Jan. 3.

"People don't seem to understand that being a live donor has nothing to do with being brave, honorable or courageous," said Kim. "Being a live donor is normally just giving a piece of yourself to a loved one, a gift of love. The two people that I would call strong, brave and courageous are my parents. My mom is a powerhouse. She went through everything with my father."

The Hagerman family are very strong advocates for organ donation. The planned kidney transplant will be the second organ Jack has received through an organ donation.

Jack has spoken to several groups about transplants and organ donations. He has worked with Kiwanis of Kalkaska to set up tables with pamphlets informing the public about organ donation and signing people up to become donors. He hopes to work with service clubs in Kalkaska and Crawford counties to increase the number of people registered to donate organs.

Over 600,000 Americans are waiting for an organ or tissue transplant, according to the Gift of Life Agency. Tissues and organs can be recovered from anyone 75 years or younger. Jack and his family believe his donor was a 20 to 30 year old male.

"The family that donated the liver, if it wasn't through their kindness, I wouldn't be here," said Jack.

Sharron, Jack's wife, said, "We need more organ donations because so many are waiting."

According to the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, thousands of Michigan residents are affected by kidney disease. More than 6,500 are currently on dialysis treatment for kidney failure and more than 1,300 are waiting for a life-saving kidney transplant.

Jack was born with a very mild case

of hemophilia, which is a blood defect. His blood doesn't clot very easily, which could cause him to hemorrhage even after a minor injury. At times, a blood transfusion was necessary. Jack developed cirrhosis of the liver as a result of contracting hepatitis C from a blood transfusion.

Jack was diagnosed with severe liver disease in April, 1992. Doctors informed Jack that there wasn't a cure and gave him only a month to live. His only hope was a liver transplant. In June 1992, Jack began the testing needed in order to be a organ transplant recipient. In September 1992, he was placed on the national waiting list for a liver.

When the transplant occurred in November, only five percent of his liver was working.

Sharron, Jack's wife, stayed with Jack throughout the ordeal, which turned into a hospital stay that lasted seven and a half months. During that time Sharron never came home. It wasn't necessary, she said. Her family pitched in to help take care of the house and other things needed, freeing Sharron to concentrate on Jack and help him recover.

"After that, (the liver transplant) everything that could go wrong, did go wrong," said Sharron. Jack's kidneys failed within two weeks after the liver transplant. On Dec. 4, the Hagerman's almost lost Jack when he suffered respiratory failure. An infection also contributed to his lengthy hospital stay. The extended stay also caused his muscles to atrophy.

Before he could be released from the hospital, he had to be able to crawl to a window on his hands and knees, stand up and pivot, and be able to get in and out of his truck.

When he was released from the hospital, doctors told him it would be six years before he was back to normal and three years before he would be strong enough to go through a kidney transplant.

Jack had to relearn how to crawl, then walk. He underwent physical therapy at Mercy Hospital and later at Rainbow Fitness with Rick Priebe, who Sharron says is the one that got Jack walking again. He began walking in November 1994. He still works out at Hard Bodyz. Now he gets

around fairly well. He uses a ski pole for balance when the ground gets icy.

Since November 1992, Jack has had to undergo dialysis three times a week. That means a trip to Traverse City three times a week, regardless of the weather conditions. Dialysis isn't something he can put off. It has to be done.

"It's amazing," said Sharron. "How much of your life is tied up to going to dialysis. There is no freedom from it."

Taking a vacation takes months of planning to make arrangements to continue dialysis at the vacation location.

Jack says you can lead a fairly normal life on dialysis. He has to watch the amount of fluid he can ingest including soups, jello and other nonbeverage types of fluid.

Family and friends is what have helped the Hagermans through the months of hospitalizations and dialysis. "That's what makes it work," said Sharron, "the tremendous family support."

They look forward to the time Jack won't have to go in for dialysis.

"It's just been a very long, long time," said Sharron. "We're going to be thankful to get this new kidney. It's great that Kim wants to do this."

Kim describes her decision to donate one of her kidneys as a family decision. Everyone in the family had to agree and be positive about the surgery. At first, Jack was concerned about letting his daughter donate a kidney. He would have preferred to receive a kidney from a cadaver, says Kim. The waiting list, however, is three to five years, if ever.

Even before the results of the blood test were finished, Kim was positive that she was going to give her dad one of her kidneys. "I kept telling him I was the one who was going to give him the kidney," said Kim.

"I'd do anything for them out of love," she said. "That is the only reason I'm doing this is because of love."

"I want my father to be there for my children as a grandfather," she said. Jack and Sharron have nine grandchildren to enjoy. "I lost my grandparents at a young age. It's something they've instilled in us as children," explains Kim, "that family is very important."



A GIFT OF LOVE HAS HELPED KEEP THIS FAMILY TOGETHER -- The Hagermans are big supporters of organ donation. Jack, center, has received a liver donation from an anonymous donor and is scheduled to receive a kidney from his daughter Kim, at right. His wife, Sharron, is a source of strength for Jack, Kim and the rest of the Hagerman family.

She believes that organ donation is the reason God gave humans two kidneys.

"My other kidney is going to grow to compensate for the loss of one of my kidneys," explained Kim.

Kim underwent several tests in determining that she was a match for her father. The first test was a blood test. The second step meant undergoing a series of tests including psychological testing, a complete physical, urinalysis and X-rays. Kim had to talk to four doctors, two nurses and a social worker.

After passing the second step, Kim underwent an IVP test. This is where a dye is sent through her kidneys to check how they function. Kim says a doctor told her she has beautiful kidneys.

She has one more test to take the day before the surgery. It will determine which of her kidneys will be removed.

On the day of the surgery, Jack and Kim will be in the same operation room. One team of surgeons will remove her kidney and then give it to a second team who will implant it into

Jack.

Kim's surgery will last about three hours. A 12 inch incision will be made in her side. Her 12th rib will be removed, the same rib God removed from Adam to make Eve, according to the Bible. Doctors believe they will remove her left kidney.

Jack's surgery will take about five hours. Doctors won't remove his old kidneys, which have shrunk. Instead they will insert Kim's kidney in front of Jack's stomach.

Kim will be in recovery for a week and will be limited in what she can lift for another five weeks. Jack will be in the hospital for two weeks to recover from the surgery. He will then have to remain in the area for a while after being discharged in case any complications arise.

Since the liver transplant, Jack has been taking antirejection medication. He will remain on antirejection medication for the rest of his life. The dosage will most likely increase after the kidney transplant. The antirejection medication suppresses his immune system, making him more sus-

ceptible to colds and other viruses.

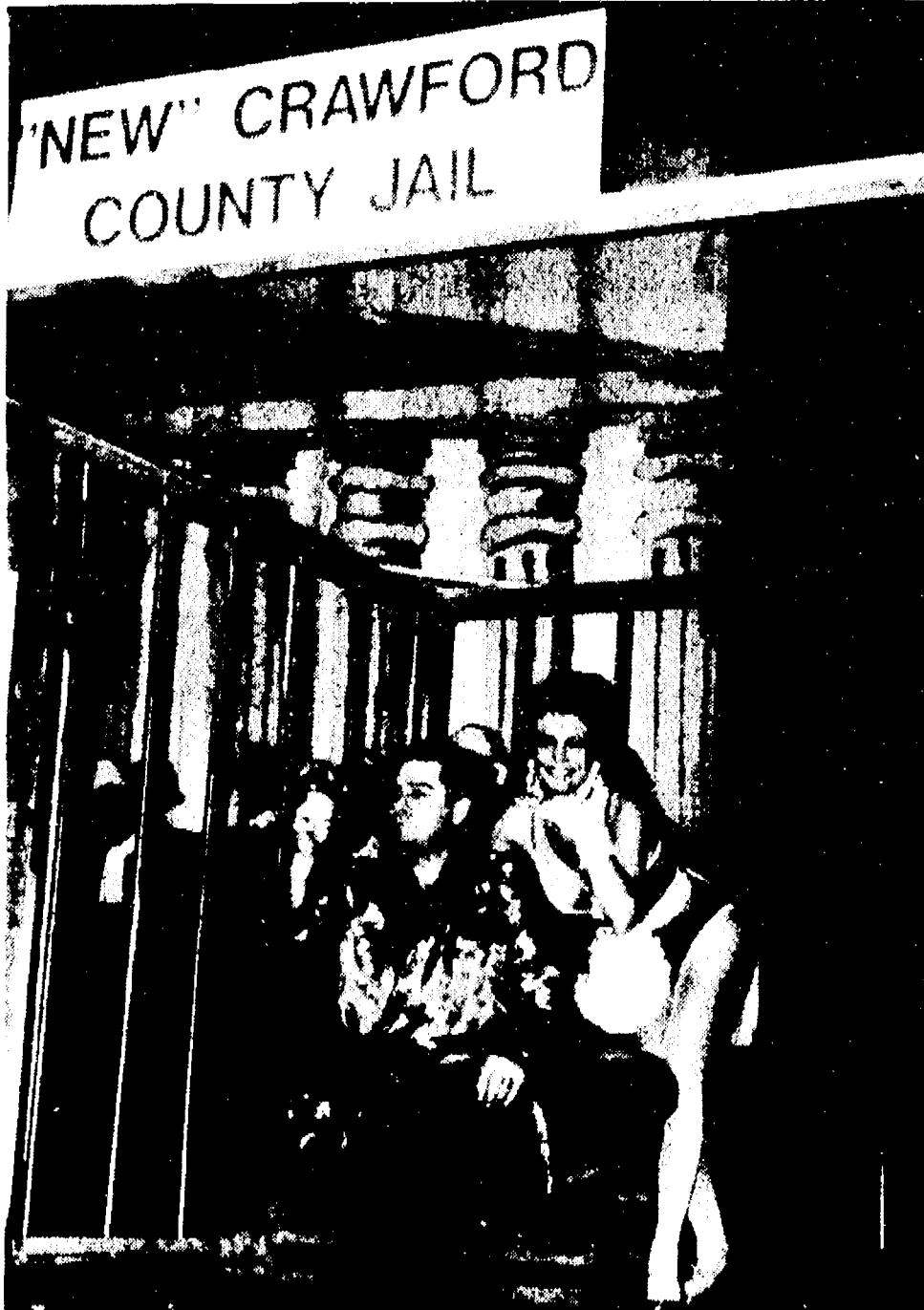
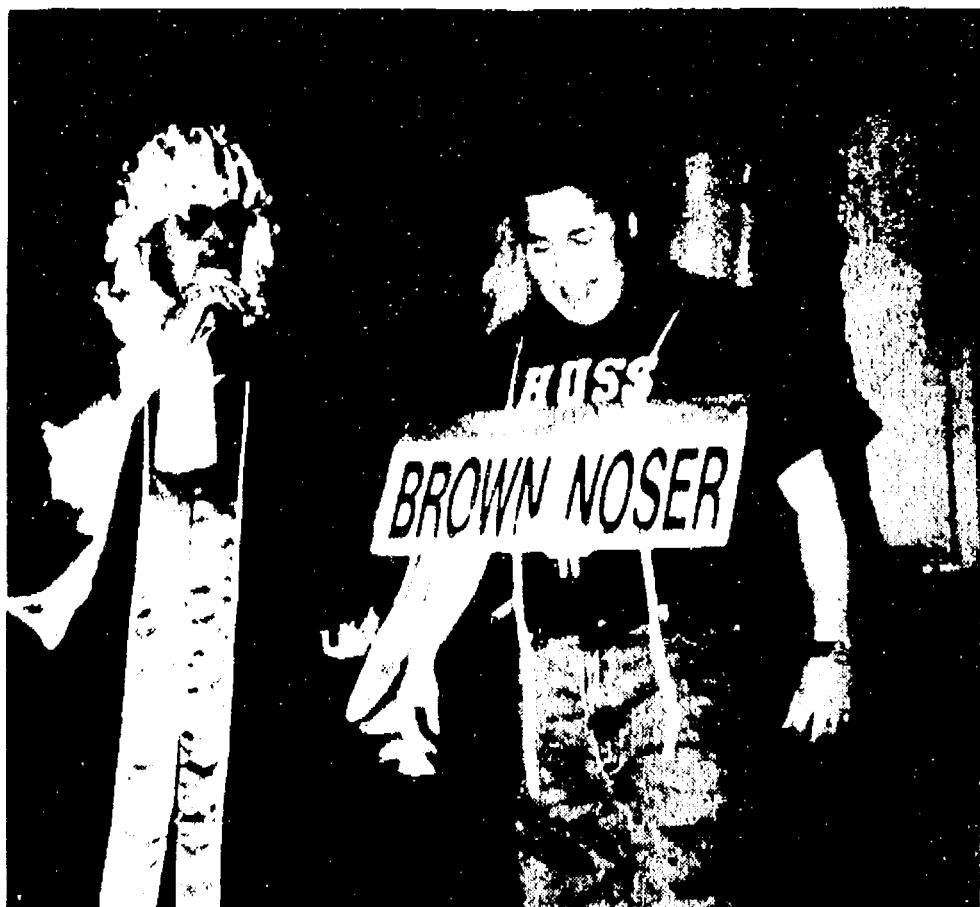
"Now we're just hoping to stay all healthy through the holidays," said Sharron.

Anyone who is interested in learning more about organ donation can call 1-800-482-4881. Deciding to donate upon your death is one of the most important decisions you can make. You need to discuss your beliefs with your family. If you wish to be a donor, contact your local Secretary of State office for a label for your driver's license. The label provides personal medical information for your protection and expresses your wishes about donation.

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The Holiday Inn employee newsletter, where Kim works, wrote about Kim's upcoming operation, "At this time of the year, it is nice to see that some gifts just can't be bought with money; but with courage, love and hope."

Minstrel Moments to remember



Avalanche Photos
by Terry Wright



If you don't know what these pictures are, you missed the area's biggest entertainment event of the season when you missed the 1995 Grayling Rotary Minstrel Show. Ask a Rotarian about it.

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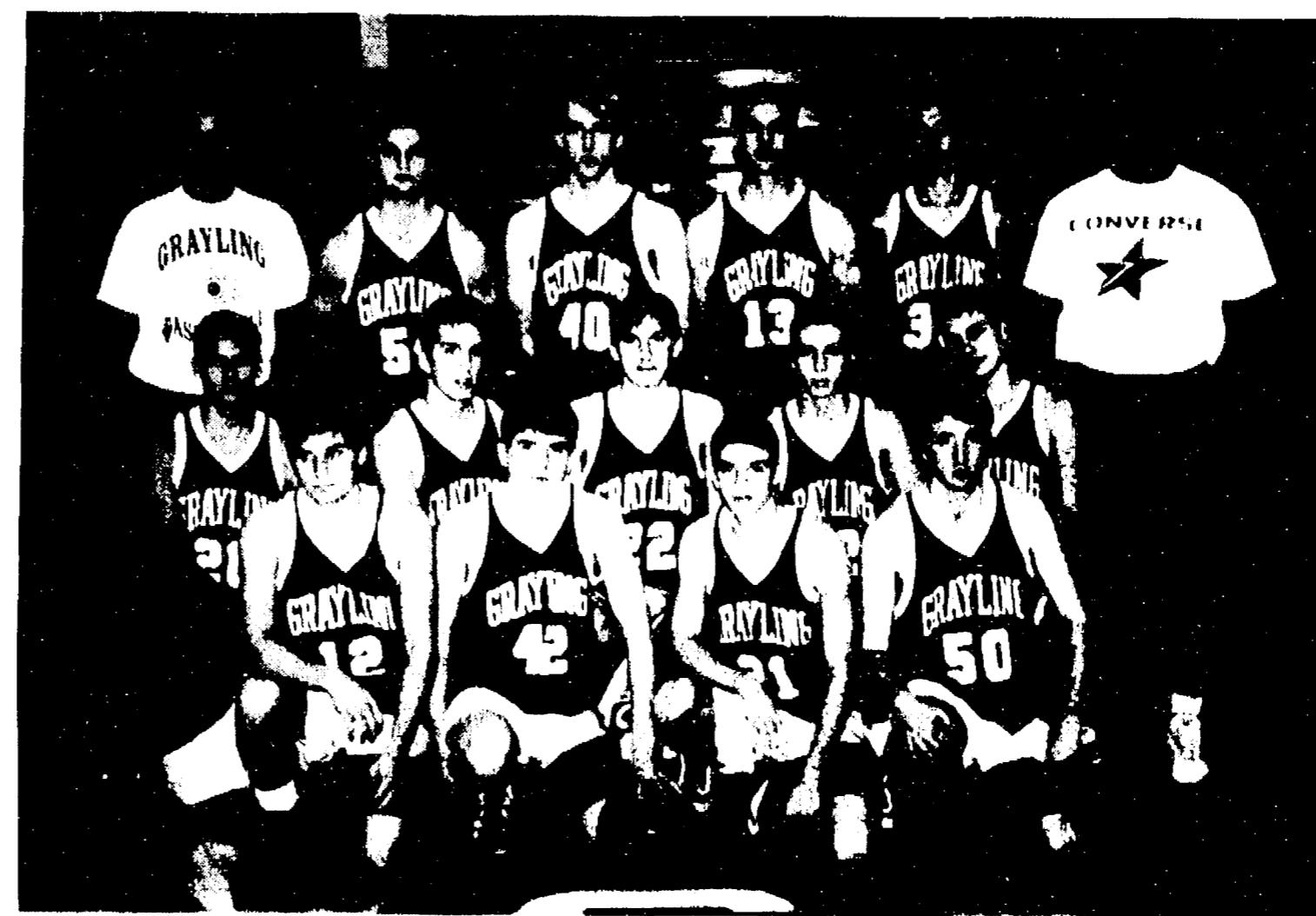
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FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
December 18	Kalkaska	Away	7:00
December 20	Charlevoix	Away	7:00
January 3	Roscommon	Away	7:00
January 8	Gaylord	Home	7:00
January 11	Charlevoix	Home	7:00
January 15	Whittemore	Home	7:00
January 18	Alcona	Away	7:00
January 22	Petoskey	Home	7:00
January 25	Roscommon	Home	7:00
February 1	Kalkaska	Home	7:00
February 5	Gaylord	Away	7:00
February 7	Whittemore	Away	7:00
February 12	East Jordan	Home	7:00
February 15	Alcona	Home	7:00
February 19	Petoskey	Away	7:00
February 29	East Jordan	Away	7:00

VARSITY BASKETBALL--(Back L to R) Asst. Coach Gary Hopp, Scott Hartman, Mike Knight, Jason Thompson, Mike Marellich, Coach Rich Moffit. (Middle L to R) Chris Kucharek, Joe Godlewski, Eddie Bayham, David Sabin, Seth Madsen. (Front L to R) Ben Haskel, Brad Larm, Sam Modica, Corey Northrop.

VARSITY BASKETBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
December 12	Elk Rapids	Home	6:00
December 15	Onaway	Home	6:00
December 19	Petoskey	Away	6:00
December 21	Boyne City	Away	6:00
January 5	Kalkaska	Home	6:00
January 9	Gaylord	Away	6:00
January 12	Alcona	Away	6:00
January 16	Petoskey	Home	6:00
January 19	Whittemore	Home	6:00
January 23	Roscommon	Home	6:00
January 26	Rogers City	Away	6:00
January 30	Kalkaska	Away	6:00
February 2	Onaway	Away	6:00
February 6	Gaylord	Home	6:00
February 13	Roscommon	Away	6:00
February 16	Alcona	Home	6:00
February 20	Rogers City	Home	6:00
February 23	Whittemore	Away	6:00
February 27	Boyne City	Home	6:00
March 1	Elk Rapids	Away	6:00

SKIING

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
January 4	Bellaire/Char BMT.	Away	12:00
January 9	Harbor Springs Inv.	Away	10:00
January 10	Boyne/TCSF/BMT	Away	12:00
January 19	Manistee at Crystal	Away	3:00
January 25	Burger King Inv.	Home	12:00
January 29	Manistee Inv. @ Crystal	Away	10:00
February 1	Harbor Springs	Away	5:00
February 6	League @ Nubs Nob	Away	
February 8	Roscommon	Home	4:00
February 15	Regionals @ Crystal	Away	TBA
February 26	State Finals @ BMT	Away	TBA



JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL--(Back L to R) Mike Harland, Nate Beckwith, Mick McClain, Brad Ritter, Matt LaForest, Coach Butch Hayes. (Front L to R) Travis Huber, Gordon Elsner, Manager Danny Huckabee, Travis Parkinson, Rob Dent.

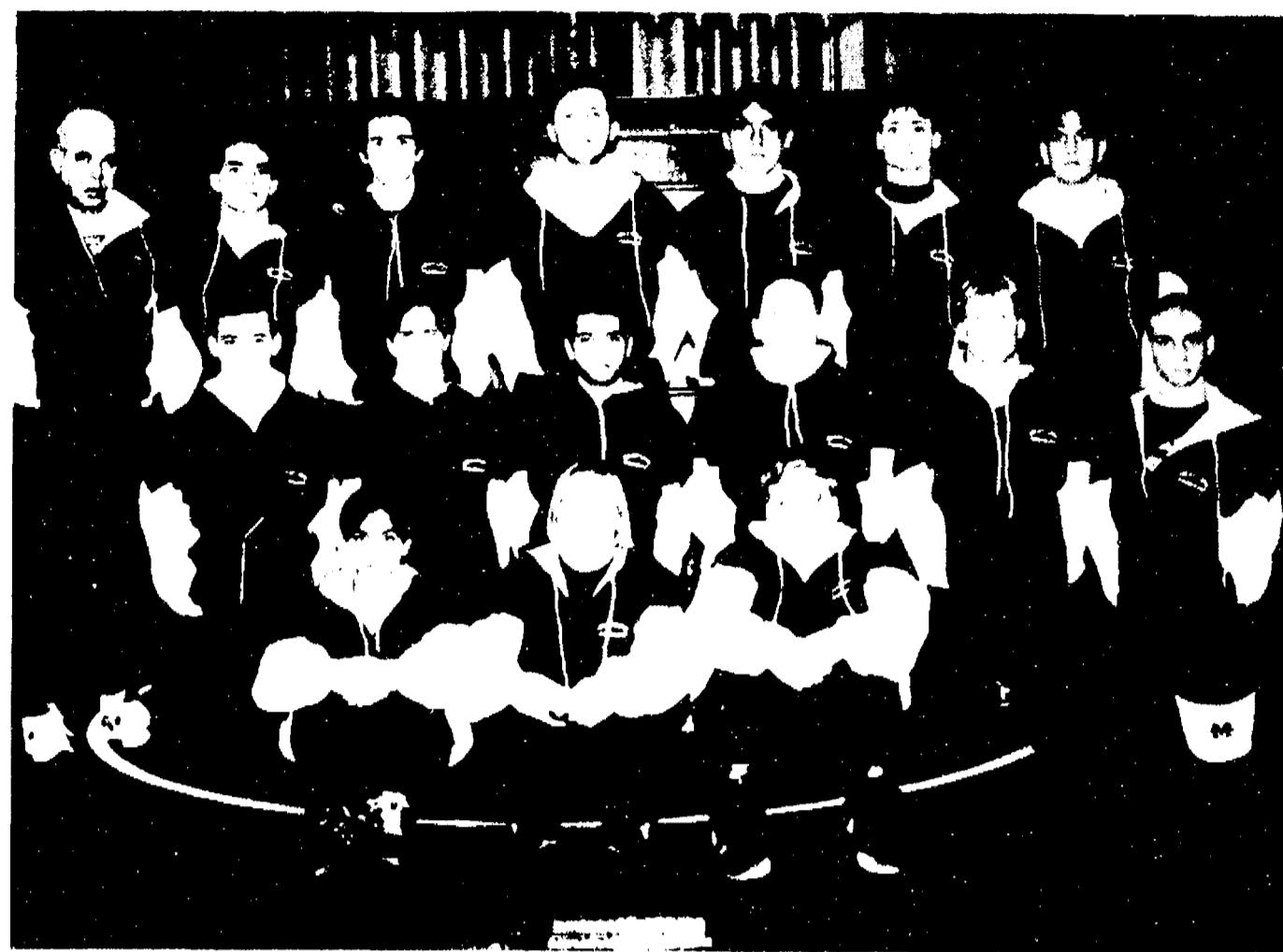
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WRESTLING

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
December 7	Gladwin	Away	6:00
December 9	Roscommon-Inv.	Away	10:00
December 14	Gaylord/HL at Gaylord	Away	6:00
December 16	Mason County	Away	9:00
December 21	Petoskey	Home	7:00
January 6	Gladwin Inv	Away	10:00
January 11	WP/RC at Rogers City	Away	5:30
January 13	Oscoda	Away	
January 18	Charl/Onaway	Home	6:00
January 20	Ithaca	Away	10:00
January 25	Kal-Man at Mancelona	Away	6:00
January 27	NMWC at Gaylord	Away	10:00
February 3	Whittemore P-Inv	Away	10:00
February 10	League Meet at W P	Away	
February 14	Team Dist	Away	
February 17	Ind. Dist	Ind. Dist	

WRESTLING--(Not in Order) Coach Don Ferguson, Shawn Ashworth, Travis Beckett, Dana Beckwith, Jason Dasho, Eddie Davis, Chris Decker, Ira Grounds, Jason Hall, Dale Kniss, Ben Malonen, Nathan Niederer, Dave Shepherd.

Volleyball

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
December 13	Gaylord	Home	6:00
December 16	Roscommon Inv. (V)	Away	9:00
December 18	Harrison	Home	6:00
December 20	Rogers City	Home	6:00
January 6	JV at RC	Away	9:00
January 8	V at Petoskey	Away	9:00
January 13	Boyne City	Away	6:00
January 20	Gaylord-Inv. (V)	Away	9:00
January 24	Whittemore-Prescott (JV)	Away	9:00
January 27	V-Whittemore-Inv.	Away	9:00
January 29	Whittemore	Home	6:00
February 3	JV-Kalkaska	Away	9:00
February 5	Kalkaska	Away	6:00
February 7	Alpena (JV)	Away	8:00
February 10	Charlevoix	Away	6:00
February 14	Alcona	Away	6:00
February 17	V Tournament	Home	9:00
February 21	Onaway	Away	6:00
February 23	V-Tawas	Away	9:00
March 3-4	Charlevoix	Home	6:00
March 10-11	League Championship	Away	TBA
	Districts		
	Regionals		



JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL (ABOVE)--(Not in order) Amy Godlewski, Jamie Tobias, Carrie Hatfield, Emily Weaver, Gretchen Goekerman, Jamie McGuire, Melissa Ostwald, Nikki Strohpaul, Debbie Harris, Lindsey Voelker, Kelly Meehan, Sara Ford.



VARSITY VOLLEYBALL (LEFT)--(Back L to R) Jamie Tobias, Erin Smith, Jennifer Wejrowski, Amy Neal, Brooke Blaauw, Trisha Ormsbee. (Middle L to R) Monica Lawrence, Jessica Waite, Jessica St. Germain, Rebecca Shahan. (Front L to R) Vicki Creps, Christy Cadeau, Amy Godlewski. Not pictured Coach Rebecca Brown.

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Principles of Management	Tuesday	6:00-9:25 pm
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DOODLES FROM THE TALL TIMBER

By Wendell L. Hoover, Park Interpreter, North Higgins Lake State Park

Time sure has a way of slipping away into the limbo of the past, and it comes as a bit of a surprise to realize it has been nearly six months since my first walk on the trails of North Higgins Lake State Park. In June, they were a nice place to walk, and now they are a nice place to cross-country ski. The first time out on the trail, to the north of the old nursery, I recall stopping at a point where the trail crossed one of the old fire breaks, to orient myself, and while looking around, I noticed an out-of-place stone, which upon closer inspection, appeared to be part of a flint arrowhead.

As I knelt there in the trail, looking at the remaining efforts of an ancient craftsman, I wondered what my far-back ancestor had shot at, had he missed and the stone shattered on a tree, or had it broken when it hit a bone? Was the shaft of cedar or a

sapling he had carefully shaped and straightened, prior to fletching with the feathers of a goose, turkey or perhaps a raven? It was a nice feeling to know my far-back ancestors had felt at home there near Michigan's 11th largest lake.

Finding the remnant of the arrowhead, reminded me of another archer who made Grayling the proud home of a world-famous archery company. Songs have been written about the hunting skills of Fred Bear, who would have had much in common with my far-back ancestor, with his short flat bow and flint-tipped arrows.

If you never met Fred, you missed an opportunity to share time with a true

outdoorsman, and I regret not having him autograph a copy of his book of hunting stories, but such is life.

Thinking of Fred's bows, reminded me that my youngest son had recently returned a bow, made at Bear Archery in Grayling, to Myrtle Graham, that she had loaned him for a short time to use between classes at Kirtland. No fancy sights or wheels, just a well-made re-curved bow that worked best when it was used in the same fashion used by Fred Bear, draw, sight instinctively and shoot. We did not take any game with Ken Graham's bow, but then we were restricting our range to close, just as our far-back ancestors did, even though their flat

bows could drive a flint-tipped arrow completely through a whitetail at 30 yards.

With the snow cover we have, the chances of finding even a common stone will be slim at best, but you will find some good skiing on the 11 miles of trails, starting in the interpretive area at the park. Come prepared for some curves and hills and a chance to enjoy the out-of-doors. Speaking of winter activities, keep in mind that the 7th annual Winterfest will be held at South Higgins Lake State Park on Feb. 17. Tickets and Winterfest buttons are available at many business places in Roscommon or around Higgins Lake. See you there.

And the winner is.....



Sarah Volkenborn and her winning photograph

Sarah Volkenborn of Crawford County, won 1st place in the Renaissance Festival photo contest for amateurs, in Holly, Michigan.

It was the third year Volkenborn entered the contest. Her photo was

selected from 162 entries. The judges were Steve Haines, Linda Robak and Frank Levinski of *The Detroit News* photo department.

"I have entered other photo contests before over the years, but never this big," said Volkenborn.

She won a \$150, two tickets, a t-shirt, a coffee mug, and canvas bag, which was presented by the King and Queen of Hollygrove.

Radar detectors becoming obsolete

By Jennifer Dahl

Capital News Service

Looking for the perfect holiday gift this year? Some say a radar detector may help a friend who constantly exceeds the speed limit.

But Col. Michael Robinson, director of the Michigan State Police, says don't waste your money.

The state police and many local police departments now have advanced technology in their patrol cars that make radar detectors practically obsolete.

"The latest technology in speed detection is lasers, and they work great," Robinson said.

The lasers cannot be picked up by radar detectors, no matter how expensive, he said.

The laser guns shoot out a light beam that can target a specific area of a vehicle, said Dave Verhoustrate, public relations director for the state police.

Verhoustrate said the lasers work well to catch those who speed regardless of radar detectors, but many including the Michigan State Police hope that detectors become illegal in the future.

Regardless of the technology, people still buy detectors, said Dan Pruitt, an expert on radar detectors.

Radar detectors prices range from \$49 to \$300, and the average price is about \$150, Pruitt said. He also said that majority of those who buy detectors belong to the "younger generation."

LeRoy Fladseth, president of Drivers Training Services in Lansing, said a majority of those enrolled in his responsible class are between the ages of 18 and 25.

Although he does not have statistics of why they enroll, Fladseth believes most are there because of speeding violations.

Fladseth, a former police officer, said radar detectors are becoming less useful on Michigan roads.

Pruitt agrees that radar detectors are useless, but only if a police department has the laser equipment.

Many police departments in Macomb County do not have laser guns, including Romeo's. But the Macomb County Sheriff's office will get a laser soon.

The Rochester Police Department was one of the first departments to have the laser gun in Oakland County.

Rochester Police Chief Ted Glynn said radar detectors may not be obsolete, but are definitely not a sure thing.

But that's not stopping holiday shoppers because the sales of radar detectors have increased since the shopping season began, Pruitt said.

Football Contest

Matt Keir won this week's football contest with 30 points, beating out Irving McIsaac who had 29 and Kenneth Polley with 28 points.

There were 182 entries this week. The top contenders in the overall contest for this week are:

Irving McIsaac, 241	Mike Brandel, 225	Mike Harmer, 221
Jacquie Glander, 228	Tom Weaver, 224	Carol Conklin, 220
Louise Hatfield, 225	Duane Wales, 223	Dave Peterson, 220
	D.J. Metzer, 222	Mary Brown, 220

Last week's winning teams were:

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Detroit (41 - 5 pts.) | 8. San Francisco | 15. Detroit |
| 2. Minnesota | 9. Philadelphia | 16. Buffalo |
| 3. San Diego | 10. Cincinnati (26) | 17. Atlanta |
| 4. Buffalo | 11. Seattle | 18. Philadelphia (5 pts.) |
| 5. New England | 12. Pittsburgh (5 pts.) | 19. Pittsburgh |
| 6. Indianapolis | 13. New York Giants | 20. Tampa Bay (23) |
| 7. Atlanta | 14. Tampa Bay | |



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1995 firearm deer season sets new record for antlered buck kill

The harvest of antlered bucks during the 1995 firearm deer hunting season surpassed the 200,000 milestone for the first time in the history of Michigan deer hunting. Overall, an estimated 318,000 white-tailed deer were harvested by about 700,000 hunters during Michigan's Nov. 15-30 firearm hunting season this year. Since many hunters took more than one deer, it was estimated that about one in every three hunters was successful in taking at least one deer during the firearm season. The 1995 total firearm harvest was the second best in the state's history, exceeded only by 1989, when hunters took 333,940 deer (193,850 antlered and 139,740 antlerless).

The 1995 firearm deer harvest increased 38 percent over last year; a total of 229,640 deer were taken during the 1994 firearm harvest. The record antlered deer harvest of 208,000 this year was a 20 percent increase over last year's 173,840. The antlerless take of 110,000 this year was 97 percent more than the 55,800 taken in 1994.

"This year's record buck harvest occurred under nearly optimal hunting conditions," said Wildlife Division Chief George E. Burgoyne, Jr.

1995 firearm deer harvest traffic survey estimate (1994 final estimates in parentheses)

	Bucks	Antlerless	Total
Upper Peninsula	57,000 (45,210)	38,000 (11,960)	95,000 (57,170)
Northern Lower Peninsula	84,000 (69,630)	30,000 (14,290)	114,000 (83,920)
Southern Lower Peninsula	67,000 (59,000)	42,000 (29,550)	109,000 (88,550)
Total	208,000 (173,840)	110,000 (55,800)	318,000 (229,640)

1995 firearm deer season accident statistics
21 accidents—17 non-fatal and four fatal

Maple syrup producers to meet in Grayling

Michigan State University Extension and the Michigan Maple Syrup Association (MMSA) will again be co-sponsoring a day-long educational program on Saturday, Jan. 13, 1996, for any interested maple syrup producers.

This year's program will feature presentations on maple sap processing to produce quality syrup, sugarbush management, installing tubing and vacuum pumps, and how to make maple candy, maple cream and maple sugar products.

The program will be held at the Holiday Inn in Grayling, on the I-75

Business Loop, and will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Registration for the program begins at 8:30 a.m., and costs \$15 per adult and \$8 per child, age 6-13 (under age 5 free). Registration fees are payable at the door. This fee includes a buffet luncheon, refreshments, program costs and facility use.

For more information, contact the Crawford County Michigan State University Extension office at (517) 348-2841, ext. 264. The extension office urges everyone to pre-register by Jan. 8.

Ski Conditions Report

Projected Weekend Ski Conditions

Cross Country Ski Shop - Grayling

Average Base: ten inches packed base. Surface Conditions: 2.5 miles open, groomed, double set track, 12 ft. wide. Excellent conditions. No trail fee. Store Hours: Monday through Friday 10 am to 6 pm, Saturday & Sunday 9 am to 6 pm. Ski equipment and snowshoe rental available. (517) 348-8558

Hanson Hills Ski Area - Grayling

Average Base: ten to fifteen inches packed base. Downhill Surface Conditions: 75% trails and lifts in operation, machine groomed and packed powder. Cross Country Surface Conditions: 35 km of trails open from 9 am till dusk, seven days a week. Hours: Thursday & Friday 5 to 9 pm, Saturday 11 am to 9 pm, Sunday 11 am to 5 pm, closed Monday thru Wednesday (517) 348-9266

Cross Country Ski Headquarters - Higgins Lake

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POOL LEAGUE

Men's Pool League December 4

Frederic Inn.....	71-37
Shoppenagon's.....	71-55
Plaza.....	67-59
Red Barn I.....	63-45
Weyerhaeuser.....	60-48
Red Barn II.....	46-62
Spikes.....	45-63
Froggies.....	42-66
Breakers.....	39-69

Women's Pool League

Shoppenagon's.....	29
Legion.....	26
Spikes.....	23
Plaza.....	18

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Hunting & Fishing Weekly Update

The snow just keeps coming...

No problem with a white Christmas this year. The skiers and snowmobilers should be very happy so far, however, the major problem is going to be with the deer. We need to start feeding them now. We need money -- lots of it. Donations can be dropped off at Skip's Sport Shop. Any amount will be appreciated.



The ice fishing is now happening with good ice on Lake Margrethe. They started fishing there this past weekend. Most of the smaller lakes are now in good shape, so get out and try it.

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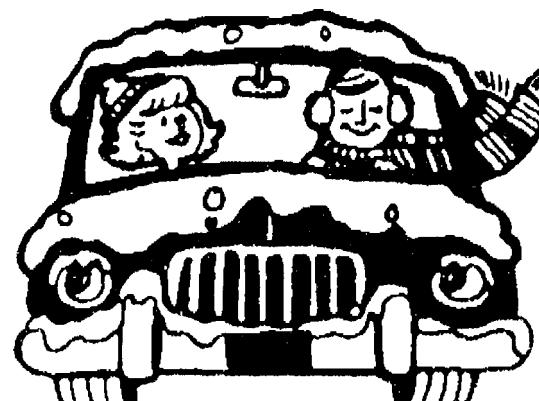
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FOOTNOTES FROM THE HILLS

Grayling Recreation Authority News

By Cindy Olson

Winter Ski Season Kick-off

Our first annual Winter Ski Season Kick-Off was a huge success, with approximately 100 people attending. The event raised \$2,200 to benefit facility improvements at Hanson Hills. Many thanks to those who made this event possible!

Recreation Program NewsBoys' Basketball

We are still accepting late

registrations for Boys' Basketball and would welcome any volunteer coaches for grades 3-6 and team sponsors at \$100 per team. Boys will begin game play on Jan. 13, 1996.

Womens' Volleyball Standings

NIMA over Mercy Hospital, 3-0
DeBloom over Carlisle Paddles, 3-1
Mac's Drugs over Just for Fun, 3-0

Information on indoor rollerblade

hockey, ski school, ice skating, pom

pons (new program) for girls K-3, will be in the schools in the next two weeks. Pick up trophies for Fall Soccer and Girls' Basketball in our office.

Facility Available

The Hanson Hills Lodge and surrounding area is available to your club, organization, family and friends for informal meetings and gatherings. Rates determined by need. You may rent the entire Hanson Hills facility for

\$175 plus \$75 deposit, for the entire day. (Horseshoes and volleyball available.)

Ski Memberships

What a great Christmas gift! Memberships are available now for families and individuals. Lockers are also available again this year, for \$20.

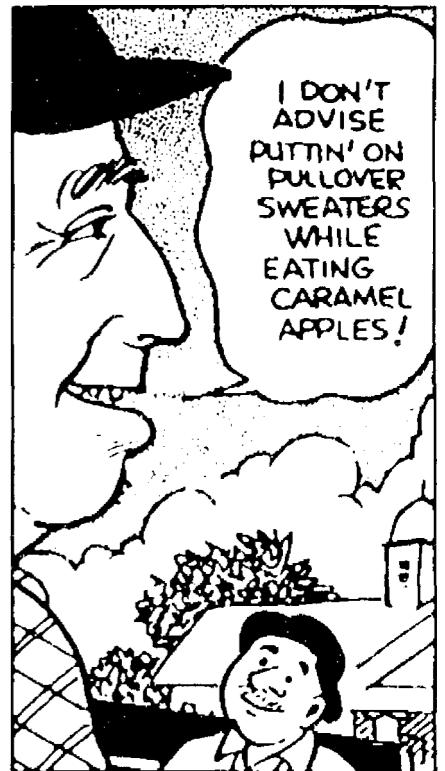
Operation Facelift

As part of our Operation Facelift Project, we are cleaning inside too. If your child has trophies or pictures that he/she has not picked up yet, call us before Dec. 30. Thank you!

We're Open

Our cross-country trails are open and groomed! It's beautiful out there! Dec. 9 is the official downhill skiing opening date! We'll be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday of that weekend. Come out and enjoy the snow!

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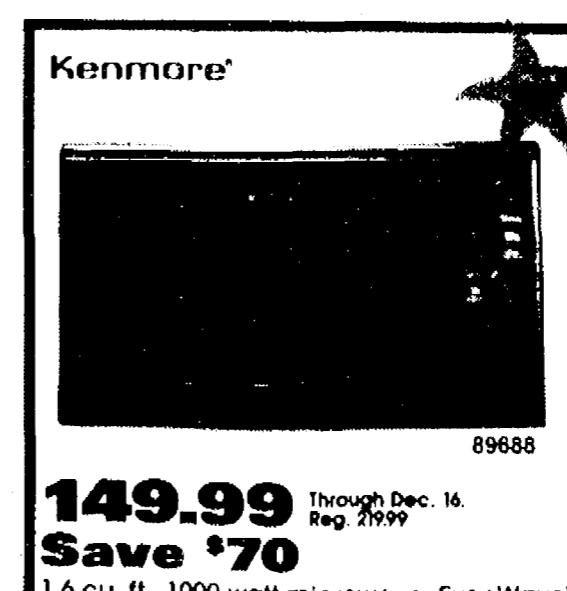


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Sunday
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Tuesday - 6:30 pm
Grayling Youth Booster Club
K of C Hall, 604 Norway Grayling

Wednesday - 11 am
Grayling Eagles Auxiliary #3465
Eagles Club, 602 Huron Grayling

Wednesday - 6:30 pm
Knights of Columbus
K of C Hall, 604 Norway Grayling

Thursday - 7 pm
American Legion Hall Post 106 - Grayling

Friday - 6:30 pm
Grayling Eagles Aerie #3465
Eagles Club, 602 Huron Grayling

Saturday - 7 pm
Frederic Volunteer Fire Department
Frederic Township Hall

BOWLING LEAGUE

Recreation League	
Peterson Saw Service	34-18
Glen's	32.5-19.5
Cornell	32-20
Scheer Motors	26-26
Mickey Perez CPA	25-27
Mark 8	23-29
Fun-N-Sun Rental	18-34
North Country R.V.	17.5-34.5
High Game: S. Noeske, 193; A. Mastek, 183; S. Skinner, 182; High Series: S. Skinner, 506; S. Noeske, 499; L. Dellar, 480.	
Senior Citizen League	
Sylvester's	33-19
Buccilli's	31-21
Totten's Body Shop	30-22
Cornell's	28-24
Flowers by Josie	23-29
Bayham	22-30
Century 21	22-30
Larry & Joan's	19-33
Men's High Game: G. Wolfe, 206; A. Wilde, 204; J. Porter, 197; Men's High Series: G. Wolfe, 571; A. Wilde, 478; J. Porter, 477.	
Women's High Game: R. Joyce, 191; E. Hubert, 172; D. Hall, 168; Women's High Series: R. Joyce, 487; D. Mead, 475; G. Donnelly, 454	
American Men's League	
Upper Lakes	28-14
Auto Parts	27-15

McLeans	
Stitches By Sue	23-19
Fenton's Auto	21-21
BCI	19-23
Red Barn	15-27
Rod's Auto Body	12-30
High Game: L. Davis, 238; M. Barr, 221; B. Palmer, 212. High Series: L. Davis, 589; J. Arwood, 547; M. Barr, 546.	

Thursday Coffee League	
Wakeley Auto Parts	46
Johnson's Survey	35
Buccilli's	32.5
Glen's Market	28.5
Ausable Construction	24.5
Lone Pine	24
Shady Acres	18.5
Plaza Bar	15
High Game: S. Romain, 190; D. Buccilli, 177; M. Kuck, 174. High Series: S. Romain, 535; M. Kuck, 471; T. Papendick, J. Tanski, 470.	

Northwood League	
House of Cabinets	34
Patti's Towne House	33.5
Rich's Cycle Service	33.5
Wakeley's Auto Parts	30
Stitch-in-Time	26
Subway	25
Millikin's	22

Consider the animal shelter when shopping for Christmas

It's Christmas season - a time to give and receive.

Please include the homeless animals of the county when you make out your Christmas gift giving list. The workers at the Animal Shelter of Crawford County have a big job to do with limited funds, and they would appreciate receiving gifts to help the many dogs and cats who pass through the shelter.

Any of following items can be put to good use:

- bleach
- choke chains (extra heavy duty kind)
- dog food and cat food (preferably not generic)
- dog and cat toys - rubber, squeaky ones for the dogs and catnip for the cats
- dog and cat treats
- donations of money
- Glen's and Carter's cash register slips
- Ken-L Ration and Cycle Homeless Home symbols
- kitty litter
- laundry detergent
- paper toweling
- particle board
- plastic gloves (throw-away style)

- 2 1/2-3 gallon hard plastic pails
- short hard plastic pails (for puppies)
- large plastic tarps
- scrub brushes (heavy-duty kind)
- soft soap (anti-bacterial kind)
- snow shovel
- Spartan brand labels
- Spic and Span
- stamps for letters (32¢)
- tennis balls
- toilet paper
- used (but clean) towels, blankets, sweaters, bathrobes, throw rugs
- trash bags

Call the shelter at 348-4117 to arrange to drop off your donations. Hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Mondays-Saturdays, and 8-11 a.m. on Sundays.

While shelter director Dixie Lobsinger continues to be incapacitated by a badly broken foot, people willing to volunteer their time at the shelter are needed more than ever.

Call to schedule a time if you are willing to help with tasks such as feeding and watering animals, doing laundry, washing dishes, cleaning pens and cages, walking leader dog candidates, raking pens and fields, shoveling snow and visiting with the animals.

Heavy snows are problem for traffic, plows, police

With the early and unusual amount of snowfall this year, Grayling City Police are beginning to receive complaints of vision obstruction caused from high snow banks.

According to Grayling Police Chief Peter Stephan, of more concern is the practice of vehicles plowing snow across streets and highways.

"State law prohibits the dumping of snow on roadways, shoulders and driveway entrances in such a way as to cause vision or safety obstructions," Stephan said. "Aside from possible legal charges, the public should be made aware of the exposure to liable charges in the event the practice involves accidents resulting in personal injury or property damages."

Stephan said City Police may be required to issue violation citations in cases of repeated or neglectful circumstances occurring within the City jurisdiction.

Another problem, according to Stephan, is that there have been incidents reported involving citizens becoming impatient or upset with city, county and state employees operating snow removal equipment.

"Please remember," Stephan said, "these employees are working toward the safety and convenience of the public, often operating equipment under adverse conditions when visibility is at its worst. Much of this equipment is designed to perform specific tasks. Operating equipment in traffic with private vehicles often presents the equipment operator the difficult task of being attentive to their work and traffic safety at the same time."

"Giving them a break not only shows appreciation for their responsibilities, it demonstrates sound judgement as well," Stephan added.

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High Game: T. Papendick, 199; P. D'Amour, 198, 192; G. Stahl, 189. High Series: Nikki D'Amour, 548; G. Stahl, 520; T. Jones, 487.	
Aunt Betty's	36-20
No Fear	33-23
A.H. Rental & Repair	31.5-24.5
Advance Collision	28.5-27.5
AJD	27.5-28.5
Moshier Auto Repair	25.5-30.5
Cedar Motel	24-32
A. Bulldog Towing	18-38

Friday Night Mixed Doubles	
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A. Bulldog Towing	18-38
Men's High Game: K. Miller, 219; L. Rioux, 212; C. Beck, 198. Men's High Series: C. Beck, 518; K. Miller, 508; B. Trudeau, 489.	
Women's High Game: J. Tanski, 189; K. Moshier, 181; J. Hinds, 177. Women's High Series: J. Hinds, 500; J. Tanski, 492; K. Moshier, 486.	

National League 1st Division	
House of Cabinets	35
Breakers Steak House	33
Budweiser	31
Moore's Auto	27
City Environmental	25
Carquest	20
Guns & Grub	20
Frederic Inn	17
High Game: P. Miller, 222; M. D'Amour, 211; B. Neilson, 203. High Series: P. Miller, 574; Canfield, 569; D. Germain, 546.	

Sunday Nite Mixed Doubles	
CSI	38-18
Ux & Them	33-23
Mac's Drugs	29-27
Mac Ashworth's	29-27
Computer Service	28-28
Rohdeau Cons	26-30
All Seasons	21.5-34.5
Glen's	19.5-36.5
Men's High Game: L. Helsel, 225; R. Pyle, 213; J. Helsel, 200. Men's High Series: R. Pyle, 556; J. Helsel, 551; L. Helsel, 519.	
Women's High Game: D. Ashworth, 204; M. Miller, 199; J. Hinds, 193. Women's High Series: J. Hinds, 542; D. Ashworth, 513; M. Miller, 512.	

Pioneer League	
Chemical Bank	35.5-16.5
Eagles	29.5-22.5
Custom Interior	29-23
Avalanche	25.5-26.5
Mercy Hospital	25-27
Millikan's	23.5-28.5
Aunt Betty's	23-29
M&M Crafts	17-35
High Game: M. Moshier, 213; C. Jones, 193; J. Hinds, 185. High Series: N. Glasslee, 512; J. Hinds, 509; M. Moshier, 502.	

Triangle	
Jackson Trio	19.5
Grayling Ford	14-10
Deb & Dale's	13-11
Barber Const	13-11
A. Bull Dog Towing	13-11
Rosy Const	9-15
JJ's Motor Mall	9-15
Spike's	6-18
High Game: J. Helsel, 210; T. Devins, 194; J. Rohdeau, 183. High Series: J. Helsel, 543; A. Angove, 500; D. Henning, 489.	

Outlaws	4-0

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YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

By Charles Tinsley, Cadillac Social Security Representative

Most frequently asked questions about hiring household workers

A new law, which became effective with last year's taxes, makes it easier to pay Social Security taxes when you hire a household worker. Since then, we have been getting numerous questions from people concerned with how the law works. I thought it would be a good idea to share some of the questions with you.

First of all, remember that the new household-coverage law resulted from a number of well-publicized cases of people who did not pay their household worker Social Security taxes. It is designed to make it easier for people to pay these taxes by having to file only once a year instead of quarterly, by not having to pay taxes on babysitters, and by paying taxes on people they pay earnings of at least \$1,000 a year instead of \$50 a calendar quarter. You'll have fewer forms to complete and, depending on how much you employ outside help, you may pay less tax. Here are some frequently asked questions:

Question: Exactly who does the law cover?

Workers covered by this change in the law are maids, child-care providers, gardeners, and others who provide household services. If they are under age 18, they're exempt from coverage unless household employment is their main occupation.

Question: How often do I have to file?

Instead of filing a report each calendar quarter, and paying tax on the earnings of workers who are paid \$50 or more during the quarter, you pay annually on earnings of at least \$1,000 for the full year. The tax rate is unchanged, with you and your employee each paying 7.65 percent of the gross earnings.

Question: I heard something about a refund if you paid household worker's taxes last year. How does that work?

The new tax threshold was effective with 1994 earnings. In those cases

where a household worker was paid less than \$1,000, the employer and employee will receive refunds for their share of the taxes. However, the employee won't lose his or her Social Security credits. To obtain a refund, or if you have questions about paying taxes on household employment, call the Internal Revenue Service at 1-800-829-1040.

Question: How do I file?

Beginning with 1995 taxes, you will be required to report Social Security and federal unemployment tax obligations on your own federal tax return (Form 1040). During 1995-1997, you can pay the employment

taxes in a lump sum when you file your tax return, without incurring a late penalty. Beginning in 1998, you will need to satisfy the tax obligation by increasing your quarterly tax payments or increasing the tax withholding on your own wages.

If you have questions about the changes in reporting household employment and paying the Social Security taxes on household employment, contact your local Social Security office, or call their toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213. Their busiest times are early in the week and early in the month. So, if your questions can wait, it's best to call at other times.

Poster contest held to emphasize severe weather preparedness

The Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness is sponsoring a Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest, open to all students currently enrolled in fourth and fifth grades. The deadline to enter is Feb. 1, 1996.

Posters must emphasize the importance of being prepared in the event of severe weather, such as tornadoes, floods, snow storms and thunderstorms, according to contest sponsors.

The first-place winner will receive a \$200 U.S. Savings Bond; second place will be awarded a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond; third place will receive a \$75 U.S. Savings Bond and honorable mention will be awarded a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond.

Posters must be 15" by 20" and submitted on quality poster or illustration board. The work must be original and may be in any media, with the exception of pencil, chalk, charcoal or glitter. All posters will become the property of the sponsoring organization. The artist's name, age, grade, home address and telephone number, along with the name, address and telephone number of the student's school, and art instructor (if any), must be attached to the back of the poster on a 3" by 5" index card.

Entries must be postmarked no later than midnight on Feb. 1, 1996. To enter, send posters wrapped flat to National Weather Service, 4899 South Complex Drive, SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512-4034. For further information, contact John Kouke at

the National Weather Service (616) 949-0643, ext. 726, or Lori White at the Michigan Association of Insurance Companies (517) 482-1643.

The Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness was formed in 1991, to coordinate public information efforts regarding flood, tornado and winter safety. The committee includes representatives from the National Weather Service, Emergency Management Division of the Michigan State Police, Michigan Association of Insurance Companies, Michigan Emergency Management Association, Department of Natural Resources, Michigan Association of Insurance Agents, American Red Cross, Michigan Association of Broadcasters and WDIV-TV in Detroit.

Northeast Consortium recognized

Michigan Works!—Northeast Consortium's Summer Camp Vanderbilt Challenge Program was selected by the National Association of Counties (NACo) to be recognized as an outstanding Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) program. Ten national Awards for Excellence Program winners were honored at NACo's 24th Annual Employment Policy and Human Services Conference, Nov. 17-20, in Orlando, Florida.

The challenge program is a regional program developed by the Northeast

Consortium in Onaway, that serves eight counties in northeast lower Michigan: Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle. The past four years have seen approximately 700 youth complete the program.

This unique job-training program is conducted at Camp Vanderbilt, a former Michigan Civilian Conservation Corps camp, located eight miles east of Vanderbilt. There, the participants are given the opportunity to learn problem-solving

and communication skills. Through various experiences the students learn the strength and value of group efforts, and develop self-confidence and personal growth.

Bruce Marshall, camp director during the 4-year life of the program, said it provides a reference point for youths. At any time in their life when they are facing obstacles, they will be able to look back and remember when they survived hiking two nights in the wilderness, or walking the high ropes.

46TH CIRCUIT COURT

Disposition from 46th Circuit Court for Crawford County. The Honorable Alton T. Davis presiding, Dec. 5, 1995.

Linda Bertrand, age 41, was sentenced from 13 to 60 months in the Michigan Department of Corrections, with credit for 83 days previously served, for Carrying A Concealed Weapon. Bertrand was traveling with Joseph Lira, who was involved in a shoot-out with a state trooper and two Crawford County deputies at the south

bound rest area.

Joseph Bonacho Lira, age 33, was sentenced to three concurrent counts of life in the Michigan Department of Corrections, on the charge of Assault With Intent To Murder.

David John Williams, age 28 of Grayling, plead guilty to an added Count 16: Larceny \$100 Or Less. In exchange for his plea, Counts 1-15 will be dismissed at the time of sentencing. Restitution has been paid

in full.

Disposition from 46th Circuit Court for Crawford County. The Honorable William A. Porter presiding, Dec. 4, 1995.

James Lee Collett, age 41 of the Michigan Department of Corrections, was arraigned on the charge of Prisoner Possessing Contraband. Collett stood mute, and the court entered a plea of not guilty on record.

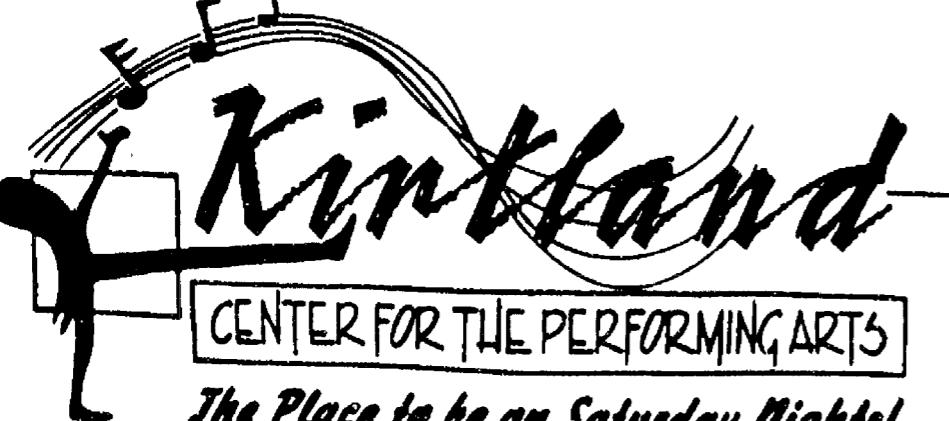
Allen L. Price, age 26 of Roscommon, was arraigned on the charge of Home Invasion 1st Degree. Price stood mute and the court entered a plea of not guilty on record.

Mark Allen Stephenson, age 34 of Grayling, plead guilty to CSC 3rd Degree. Bond was continued.

Christopher M. LaChappelle, age 17 of Grayling, plead guilty to Larceny Over \$100. The court refused to accept his plea. The case is to be rescheduled.

Stephan John Moon, age 38 of Grayling, was sentenced on the charge of Delivery/Manufacture Of Marijuana. Moon was placed on three years probation and ordered to serve four months in the county jail, with credit for one day previously served. He is to pay \$40 to the Crime Victims Fund, \$360 court costs, \$1,080 probation supervision fees and \$150 lab fees. Jail sentence to begin Jan. 1, 1996.

Kevin Lee Barnes, age 28 of Roscommon, was sentenced for violating delayed sentencing agreement. Barnes was charged with OUIL 3rd. He was placed on five years probation and sentenced to 10 months in the county jail. He submitted himself for a substance abuse evaluation, after care plan, including AA attendance. He shall pay \$40 to the Crime Victims Fund, \$500 fines, \$600 court costs, \$1,080 probation supervision fees.



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YOUR HOROSCOPE

Your Week Ahead Horoscope

Forecast For: December 17 - 23, 1995

ARIES	An old friend resurfaces. Take the time to talk with him and help heal old wounds. Be compassionate.
March 21-April 19	
TAURUS	Your career could take a drastic turn by the first of the year. Do not rely on others for security. Stay on guard.
April 20 - May 20	
GEMINI	Temperance in all things. Do not over-do the eating, drinking and making merry this holiday season. Your body will thank you.
May 21 - June 20	
CANCER	Your conservative habits need revision. There may be some newer and better ideas that will serve you better.
June 21 - July 22	
LEO	There is good money to be had in a business venture...just make sure it is the right one!
July 23 - Aug 22	
VIRGO	Peace on earth is on everyone's lips, but you need to begin within yourself. Concentrate on providing peaceful solutions at home.
Aug 23 - Sept 22	
LIBRA	This is not a good time to travel alone. Try going with a good friend or neighbor before leaving on your own.
Sept 23 - Oct 22	
SCORPIO	Someone out there has your best interests at heart, but is doing a poor job of expressing it. Bear with them.
Oct 23 - Nov 21	
SAGITTARIUS	Putting down roots in a new location may be just the ticket to get you where you want to be. Be liberal in your decision-making.
Nov 22 - Dec 21	
CAPRICORN	Accept honors with aplomb. Don't expect too much adulation, but be prepared to express your gratitude.
Dec 22 - Jan 19	
AQUARIUS	A good friend needs your help. Demonstrate a little extra kindness...especially at this time of year.
Jan 20 - Feb 18	
PISCES	Romance is lurking just beyond your reach. With a little time and a lot of encouragement, it will flourish.
Feb 19 - March 20	



BABE NEEDS A HOME--Babe is a 4-year-old female blue tick/beagle mix. She is housebroken and good with kids. She is also suppose to be a good hunting dog. If you would like to give her a home, or any of the other animals at the shelter, stop by the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, or give them a call at 348-4117.

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 years ago

Dec. 14, 1972

Through the efforts of Jack Alef, president of the Grayling State Bank, arrangements have been made with Santa Claus to return to Grayling to meet with area children this Friday evening, Dec. 15, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Grayling Lodge #356 F&AM will install its new officers Saturday, Dec. 16, at 8 p.m.

Officers elected or appointed are Marvel Zimmerman, worshipful master; James Hough, senior warden; Arnold Stancil, junior warden; Bill Sparks, senior deacon; Rex McMillen, junior deacon; Charles Fick, treasurer; James Failling, secretary; Calvin Knowles, chaplin; Donald Sorenson, marshall; Dean Welch, Donald McCurdy and Russ Hubbard, stewards.

The Grayling Sportsman's Club held their annual election of officers at the regular business meeting Dec. 6. The outgoing officers were Larry Hunter, president; Phil Miller, vice-president; Gideon Robarge, secretary; and Robert Gottfried, treasurer. The new incoming officers are Jack Campbell, president; Richard Mansfield, vice-president; Larry Hunter, secretary; and Giuseppe De Giovanni, treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith of Grayling, are the parents of a son, James Russell, born on Dec. 6, and weighing 5 pounds, 4 1/2 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Feldhauser celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary on Dec. 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Broadbent returned home from Virginia Beach, Virginia, bringing with them Mrs. Karen Bobenmoyer Dickenson and baby, who will spend the time here visiting through the Christmas and New Year's holiday seasons.

Navy Seaman Recruit Cary Vajda, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vajda of Star Route, Grayling, graduated from recruit training at the Naval Training Center in Great Lakes.

A 1970 graduate of Grayling High, he attended Kirtland Community College, Roscommon, and is scheduled to report to Boilerman "A" School, Great Lakes.

The Frederic Fire Department delivered baskets of Christmas fruit to the senior citizens in the area Monday night, and they wish to express their appreciation to the men for these.

On special at the Black & White Market this week are English walnuts, 59¢ a pound; fresh roasted peanuts, two pounds, 98¢; Betty Crocker cake mixes, 29¢; Galapaper towels, two for 29¢; Michigan cottage cheese, 15

ounces, 39¢; bananas, 10¢ a pound; and tangelos, 49¢ a dozen.

46 years ago

Dec. 15, 1949

The Grayling Chamber of Commerce board of directors voted at their meeting last week to sponsor a Christmas home decoration contest, and approved a prize list of \$50. Any resident in Crawford County is eligible to enter the contest. Judges will look over all out-of-doors decorations, either on a home or lawn, of those registered, and award the four prizes.

James Post, Crawford County treasurer, has been appointed as Postmaster of the Grayling Post office effective Jan. 31, 1950, it was announced by present Postmaster James McDonnell. News of the appointment was received from Washington D.C., late last week.

With few short weeks to Christmas, the outlook for the Dohn Weaver family of Maple Forest was gloomy as they lost their home, furniture, clothing, in fact, all of their possessions, in a fire last Wednesday. A pan of lard exploded on the kitchen range, and the following fire completely destroyed their home.

The Knibbs Service Station had an estimated \$1,500 in damage last Wednesday, as a result of a traffic accident and a resulting fire. A large lumber truck entering the station driveway for fuel, slid on the snow and rammed into a private car and a pickup truck, and careened off, smashing off two gas pumps, which took fire.

The post office force was surprised to see a robin Monday in the back yard of the post office.

Peder Olson is driving a new Plymouth car.

A Sunday-night fire completely destroyed an AuSable River home owned by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schwartz of Bay City. The blaze-consumed building stood a short way below Wakeley Bridge, and was more popularly known as the "Father Herr" place. Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz arrived here Monday to survey the damage and announced they plan to rebuild.

Estimated damage of upwards of \$50,000 occurred to a large lodge on the South Branch of the AuSable River Monday night and early Tuesday morning, as flames completely destroyed the building owned by Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hooper of Detroit, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Truetner of Detroit. The latter is the son of the Walter Truetners of Grayling. William Majeska, caretaker of the building, which is popularly known as the D. B.

Lee place, said the first sign of fire appeared in the living room. The lodge was constructed quite a number of years ago by D. B. Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Owens announce the arrival of a baby daughter, born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sherman on Dec. 8.

Mr. and Mrs. George Benjamin announce the arrival of a son, Alan Edward, on Dec. 6. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Simpson are the happy grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Millikin announce the arrival of a baby girl at Mercy Hospital on Saturday, Dec. 10.

Mrs. Norman Madsen, Mrs. Whitey Madsen, Mrs. Sandy Thompson, Mrs. Clare Melroy and Mrs. Carl Hanson were in Gaylord Thursday evening to attend a bridal shower for Miss Roberta Yarrington.

In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm Rase, who have just returned from their wedding trip, the bride's mother and sister, Mrs. Hansine Hanson and Mr. and Mrs. Clement Blaine, entertained at a family dinner Sunday evening.

A & P's Christmas food events include large head lettuce, 15¢ each; lean sugar-cured sliced bacon, 39¢ a pound; juicy Florida oranges, 8 lb. bag for only 49¢.

69 years ago

Dec. 16, 1926

Stanley Matson left Saturday for East Jordan, where he will assist in the Gidley and Mac Drug Store.

The log cabin of James Oliver Curwood located on the South Branch of the AuSable River near the Chase Bridge, is finished and is without doubt the most wonderful log structure anywhere in America. The construction work was done by Earl Dutton of Roscommon, and a crew of assistants, all of whom Mr. Curwood gives the highest praise, also Ernest Richardson, who furnished the magnificent logs, and Ora Billman for building the fireplace.

Frank Tetu has again opened his radio shop in the Schmidt building on Michigan Ave.

Albert Knibbs is on a trip to Cadillac, to get a new snowplow for the county. Finley Klingensmith is leaving Monday morning for Sheffield, Pennsylvania, where he will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Klingensmith, for about two weeks. His position at the "Try It" cafe will be taken by Carlyle Brown during his absence.

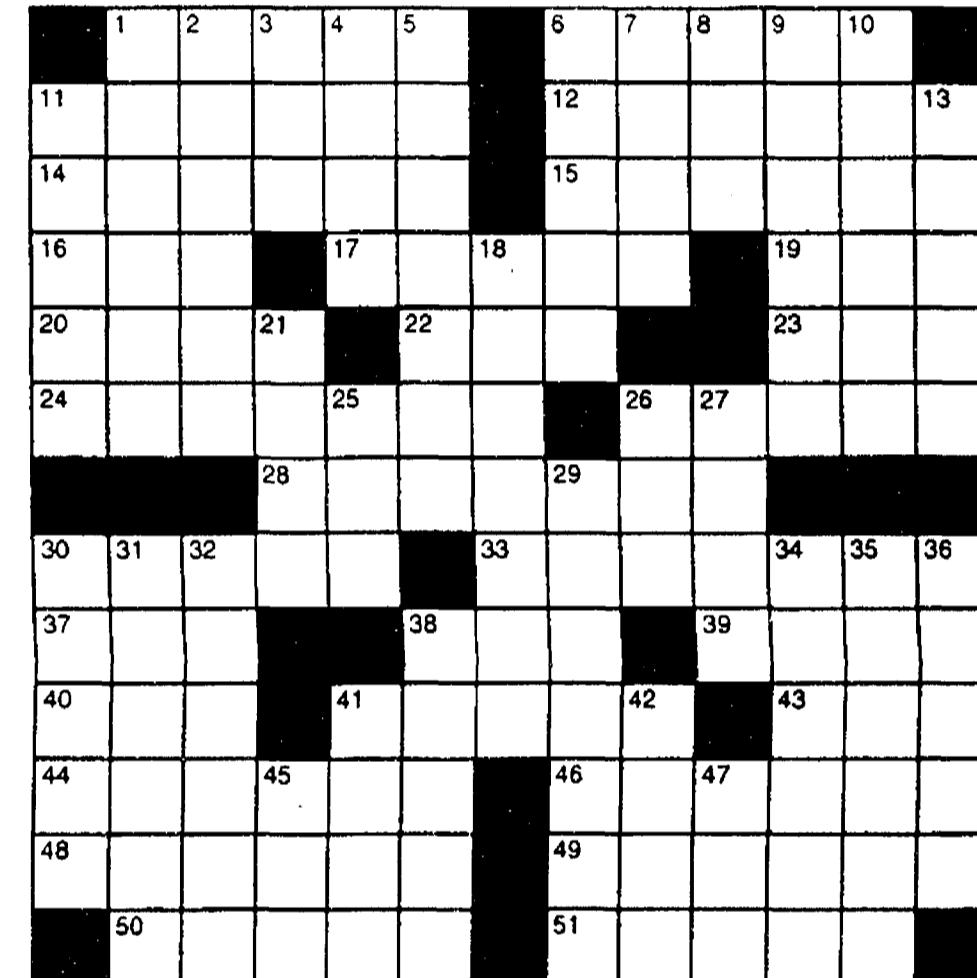
Russell Valland and wife have moved from rooms in the Jerry Sherman house on Chestnut St., to the Brink house

WEEKEND CROSSWORD

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THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE ANSWERS

ACROSS	44. Evades
1. Yes-men	46. Get back
6. Assumed name	48. Deduce
11. Aquatic rodent	49. Wounding with a tusk
12. Bear-like animals	50. Prevent
14. Musician or painter, e.g.	51. Unpaid
15. Fete	DOWN
16. International Business Edu. init.	1. Headress
2. Aquatic mammal, pl.	2. Reduce sail
3. Biblical lion	29. Experience
4. Distribute, abbr.	30. Sliver
5. Parodies	31. Shadowed
22. Thing, in law	32. Last
23. Those in power	34. Keep
24. Guarantees	35. Giving a title
26. Got up	36. Insect bite
28. Signal	38. Intense light beam device
30. Charger	41. Delicacy of wine, Fr.
33. Advanced students	42. Cat's cry
37. Chinese dynasty	45. Surnamed, Fr.
38. Youth	47. Horse, Gypsy
39. Notable deed	
40. Eliminate	
41. Cap. of Oregon	
43. Technical Military Infor. init.	
45. Skill	



LOCAL WEATHER

Local Weather

Courtesy of the City of Grayling and the Crawford AuSable Elementary Schools

Date	High	Low	Precip.	Snow on ground
12/6	34	25	0.21	15"
12/7	19	16	0.01/2	15"
12/8	19	12	0.02	15"
12/9	23	5	0.20	21"
12/10	6	8	0.01	22"
12/11	10	-3	0.22	25"
12/12	7	1	0.02	25"

Extended forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Houghton Lake: Wednesday calls for an 80 percent chance of light snow developing in the afternoon. The highs will be around 20. There is a chance of snow for the period of Thursday through Saturday. Thursday's highs will be in the low to mid 30s, with the lows in the upper teens. Friday's highs will be 30 to 35, with the lows in the 20s, and the highs on Saturday will be in the 30s, with the lows in the 20s.

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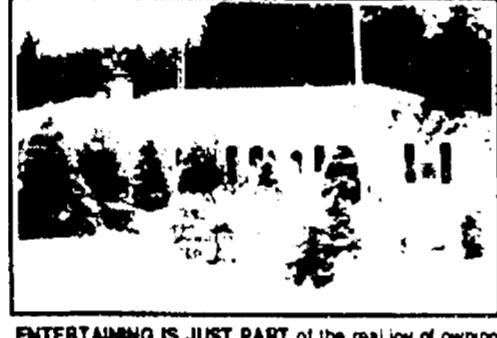
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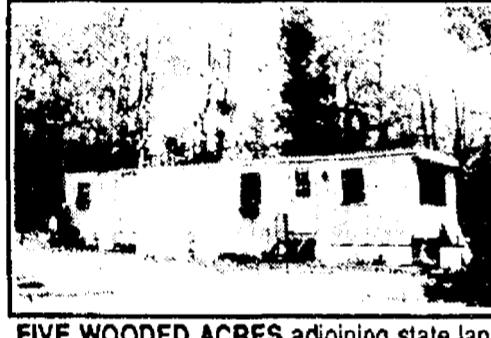
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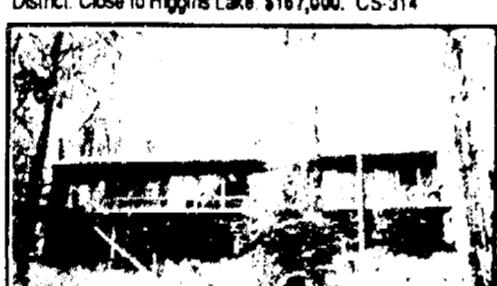
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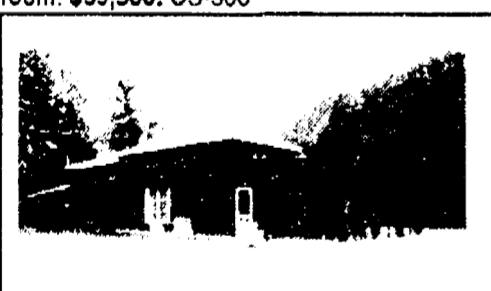
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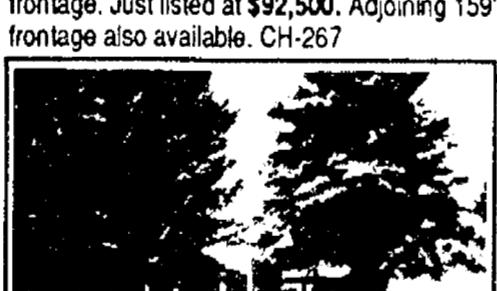
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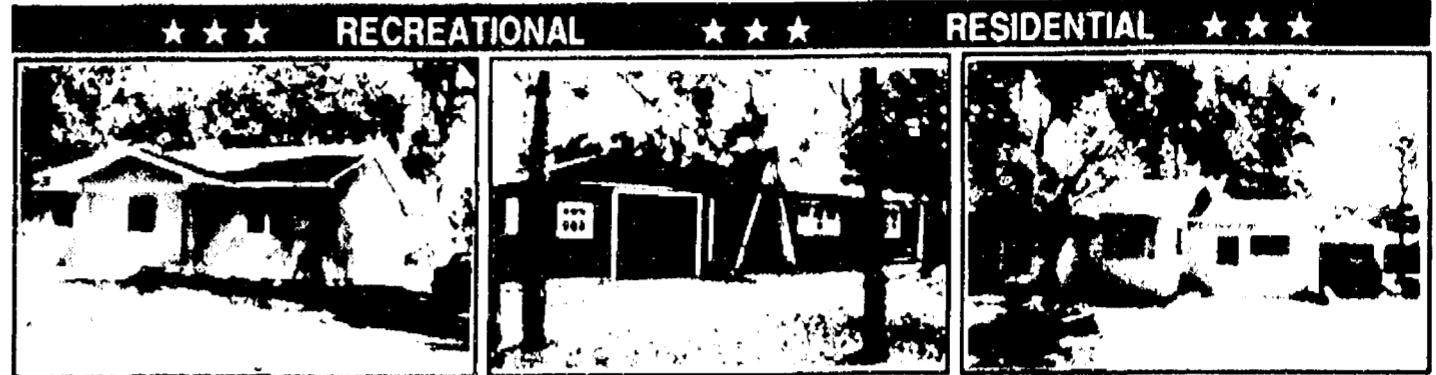
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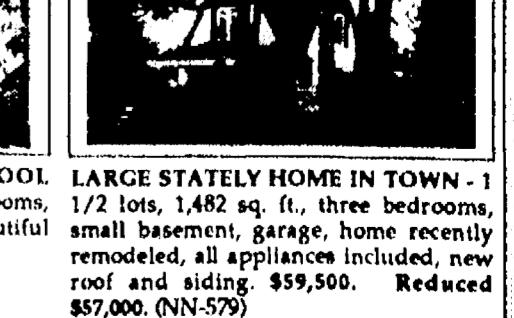
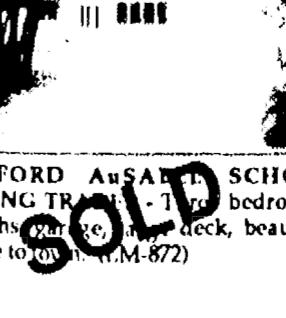
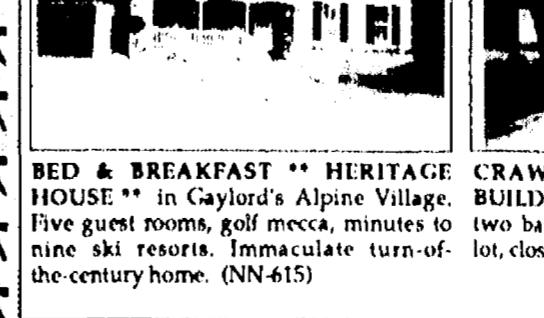
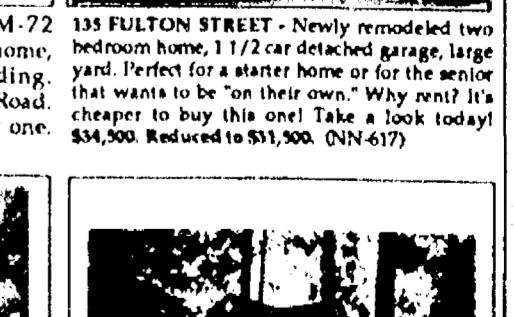
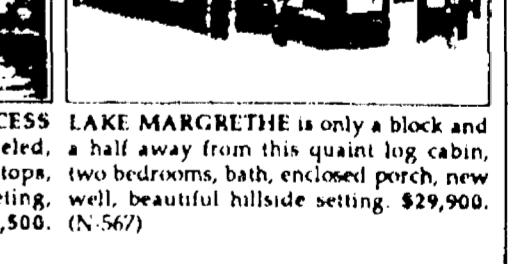
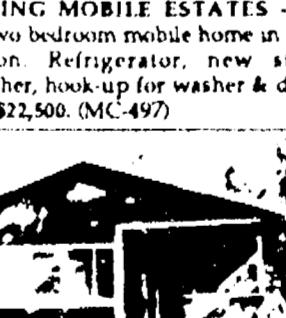
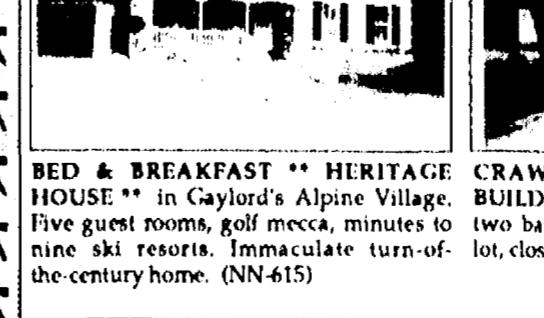
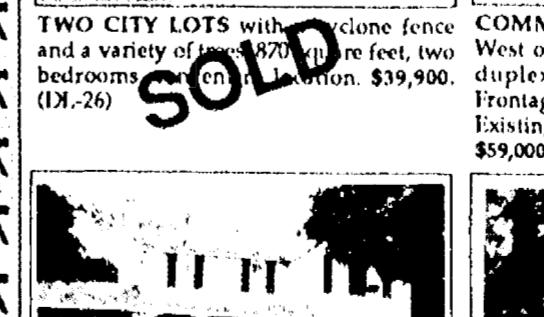


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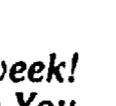
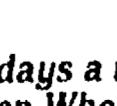
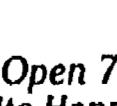
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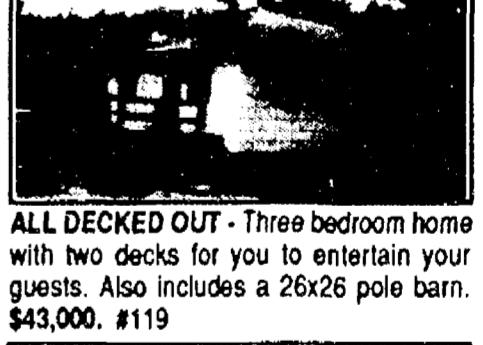
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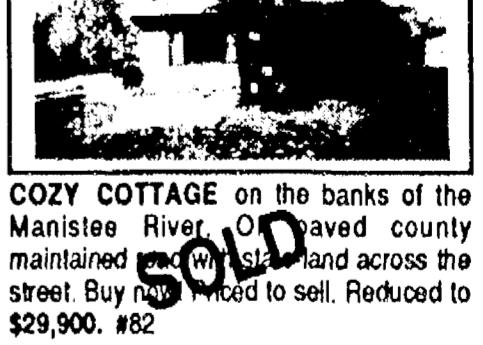
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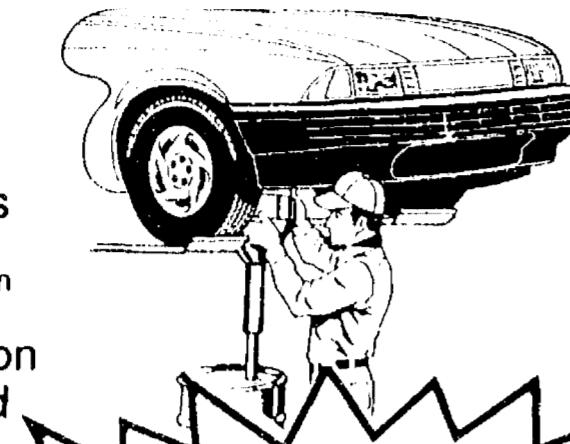
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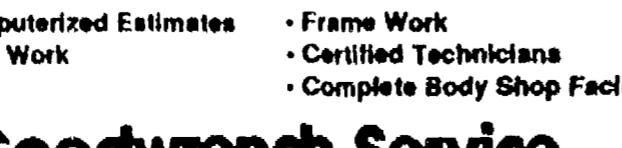
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SYNOPSIS

Frederic Township Regular Board Meeting

Nov. 14, 1995

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m. by Supervisor Hubert. Members present: Hubert, Bindschatel, McLeod, Harmer and Sajdak. There were nine citizens present.

Harmer made motion, seconded by Sajdak, to accept minutes of regular meeting held on Oct. 10, 1995, motion carried. Sajdak made motion, seconded by Harmer, to accept treasurer's report as read, and approve payment of voucher #12884-12947 in the amount of \$24,523.03, motion carried.

Citizens who wish to speak: Kraig Dodge of North Flight, gave us a rundown on the Medicare Agreement. Sajdak made motion, seconded by McLeod, to execute the agreement with North Flight, "Advanced Life Support Ambulance Intercept Agreement" effective 12/1/95, motion carried. They will bill Medicare for resident intercepts and remit \$153 to our township.

Reports: Fire Department: There were three runs in October. Dennis Wallace to check into the overdue bill from Royal Chemical, and get back to the board with information.

Library Report: Circulation 296, Statistics 317. Sajdak made motion, seconded by Harmer, to appoint Clara Varco as a Library Advisory Board Member, motion carried. Sajdak questioned about receiving receipt for donation of books. Check with County Library. The Health Department will do water test at library.

Correspondences: Kathy Black—District #3 Commissioner, an update of various developments in progress, no action necessary.

Mrs. Edward Raska-Batterson Road Culvert: Will check into spring.

DNR-Environmental: Quality-Different subjects, no action necessary.

MTA-Disruption of Township Meetings: All board members received notification.

Public Health-Water Supply: Township Hall cost is \$54.33.

Unfinished Business: Road Project: Will continue as weather permits.

Sajdak made motion, seconded by Bindschatel, to pay Ponth Contracting the amount of \$2,600 for easement clearing, motion carried.

Harmer made motion, seconded by McLeod, to pay Reith/Riley the amount of \$480 for the blacktopping done at township hall, motion carried.

Refuse Collection: Bindschatel made motion, seconded by Sajdak, to hire City Environmental on a trial basis for six months at \$650 per week to collect the refuse, motion carried.

New Business: Fire Dept. Auxiliary—Requested permission for use of cupboard, oak and they will provide own padlock for same.

Cleaning of Township Hall: Harmer made motion, seconded by McLeod, to pay Patricia Eilers a salary of \$35 per week, motion carried.

Survey of Olson Property: Deed over to Matthew Gabriel the piece of property that adjoins his.

Budget Amendment: McLeod made motion, seconded by Bindschatel, to accept amendments to 1995-96 budget of General Fund, motion carried.

Fire chief recommendations to be decided on Dec. 1, 1995, and presented to board at December meeting.

Bindschatel made motion, seconded by Sajdak, to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.
Nancy L. Bindschatel
Township Clerk

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE

95-0973

MORTGAGE SALE—Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Leroy J. Wales, a Single Man, (Original Mortgagor) and Leroy Wales and Linda M. Gregoire, with full rights of survivorship, (Current Owners) to Fleet Mortgage Corp., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Rhode Island, Mortgage, dated May 11, 1994, and recorded on May 12, 1994 in Liber 377, on page(s) 328, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars and 62/100 Dollars (\$49,147.62), including interest at 9.0% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at ten o'clock a.m. on January 9, 1996.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 39, Timebridge Estates #2, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 03 of Plats, Page 14, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 30, 1995
Fleet Mortgage Corp.
SHAPIRO & A.I.T. Attorneys
320 B. Big Beaver Rd., Suite 190
Troy, Michigan 48083
(810) 689-3900

-30-7-14-21-28

**Wedding Invitations
Announcements
Napkins, Tablecloths
Thank-you Notes**
Available at the
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE BY SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Promissory Note and Mortgage made on the 23rd day of September, 1980, and a Mortgage Amendment dated October 1, 1985, by Carl R. Gildner and Deborah A. Gildner, a/k/a Deborah A. Nowak, husband and wife, as mortgagors, to Northern National Bank of 2500 I-75 Business Loop, Grayling, Michigan, as Lender; said Mortgage and Mortgage Amendment being recorded at Liber 190 Page 499-502 on the September 29, 1980, and Liber 239, Page 123, on October 15, 1985, respectively, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan, upon which promissory note there is claim to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice the sum of Fourteen Thousand Twenty-Three Dollars and Seven Cents (\$14,023.07), plus other allowable costs including reasonable attorney fees, real property taxes and insurance;

Further, no suit or proceeding at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgages and the power of sale being contained in said mortgage having become operative by reason of such default:

NOW THEREFORE, notice is hereby given

that on the 20th day of December, 1995 at 10:00 in the forenoon at the main front door of the Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for said County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said promissory notes with interest thereon at the rate of Ten and Three-Eighths (10.375%) Percent, together with legal costs and charges of sale, provided by law and in said promissory notes, mortgages and assumption of mortgage. The land and the premises described in said mortgages are located in the State of Michigan, County of Crawford, Township of Grayling, and further described as follows:

Lot 33, Red Wing Terrace, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 22, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of sale. The property may be redeemed by paying the amount bid at the sale, plus interest at the rate of Ten and Three-Eighths (10.375%) Percent, and any fees, taxes or other unpaid encumbrances on the property from the date of sale.

The property shall be offered for sale in parcels or in total.

CAREY & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
By: William L. Carey (P31602)
Attorney for Chemical Bank North
2375 S. I-75 Business Loop, PO Drawer 665
Grayling, MI 49738

-23-30-7-14

NOTICE

Please be advised that Wednesday, December 20, 1995, the county courthouse will open regularly at 8:30 am closing from 12 noon until 2 pm for the yearly employee Christmas luncheon and reopen for regular business again from 2 until 4:30 pm.

Sandra Moore
Crawford County Clerk

NOTICE

CRAWFORD AUSSABLE SCHOOL DISTRICT ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

The Crawford AuSable School District will accept sealed written bids on a 3-point hitch snowblower which is not self-propelled. Bids should be submitted to 403 E. Michigan Avenue, Grayling by 4 pm, December 19.

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NOTICE

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners will be holding a Budget Hearing at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan, Wednesday, December 20, 1995, at 8 pm.

Sandra Moore
Crawford County Clerk
November 29, 1995

NOTICE

Please be advised the Crawford County Board of Commissioners has rescheduled the Regular Board Meeting of December 26, 1995, at 7:30 pm, to Wednesday, December 20, 1995, at 7:30 pm at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738, due to the Christmas holiday.

Sandra Moore
Crawford County Clerk
November 29, 1995

NOTICE

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners is accepting applications from persons interested in serving on the Crawford County Zoning Board of Appeals.

All applicants must be residents of Crawford County and must submit a letter expressing their interest to the Board of Commissioners, c/o the County Clerk, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738, by December 15, 1995.

Sandra Moore
Crawford County Clerk
November 29, 1995

NOTICE

BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP

1995 tax bills may be paid in person at the township office located on M-72 and East Bear Lake Rd. on

December 8
December 15
December 22
December 29

9 am - 5 pm
9 am - 5 pm
9 am - 5 pm
9 am - 5 pm

Bear Lake Township dog licenses will also be available on the above dates

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NOTICE

1996 ROAD COMMISSION ISTEA HEARING

The Road Commission For Crawford County will hold the ISTEA (Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act) Hearing for 1996 projects at 11:00 am, Thursday, December 28, 1995, in the road commission board room, located at: 500 Huron, Grayling, Michigan. Phone (517) 348-2281. Projects under consideration include, but are not limited to:

- N. Down River Road (Stephan-Wakeley 2.6 miles).
- N. Down River Road (I-75 BL-Headquarters 4.4 miles).
- McMasters Bridge Road (N. Down River Rd.-M-72 8.46 miles).
- Old US 27 (Frederic-I-75 BL 6.26 miles).

James Briney, Managing Director of The Road Commission For Crawford County.
David C. Frederick, Executive Director of the Crawford County Transit Authority.
Jerry Morford, City Manager.

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